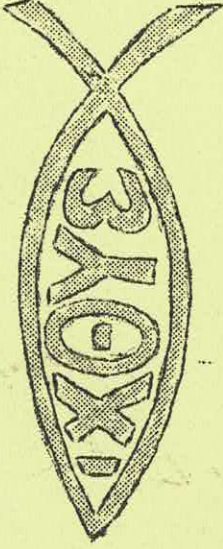


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the OPENING & BLESSING of

THE CATACOMB CHURCH



OF COOPER POND

BY

THE ANGLICAN BISHOP OF WILLOCHRA.....

BISHOP BRUCE ROSIER,
and THE FEDERAL SECRETARY OF THE BUSH CHURCH
AID SOCIETY.....REV. THEO HAYMAN,

with A SPECIAL MESSAGE BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF
SYDNEY.....SIR MARCUS LOANE.

3pm

SATURDAY

11th JUNE 1977.

1. SINGALONG.....

Let us sing praises to our
Almighty God.

THIS IS THE DAY (Psalm 118v24)

This is the day,
This is the day,
That the Lord has made,
That the Lord has made,
We will rejoice,
We will rejoice,
And be glad in it,
And be glad in it.....
This is the day,
That the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad
in it....

GREAT IS THE LORD

(Psalm 48vs1-2)

Great is the Lord
And greatly to be praised,
In the city of our God,
In the mountain of His
Holiness;
Beautiful for situation
The joy of the whole earth,
Is Mt Zion on the sides of
the north,
The city of the great King.

SING HOSANNA.

What a wonderful Saviour is
Jesus,
What a wonderful friend is
He,
For He left all the glory
of heaven,
Came to earth to die on
Calvary.....

CHORUS.....

Chorus....

Sing Hosanna.....
Sing Hosanna.....
Sing Hosanna to the
King of Kings,
Sing Hosanna.....
Sing Hosanna.....
Sing Hosanna to the King.

He arose from the grave

Halleluah,

And He lives never more
to die,

At the Father's right

hand interceding,

He will hear and heed

our faintest cry;

Chorus....Sing Hosanna..

BUTTERFLY SONG.

If I were a butterfly

I'd thank you Lord for

giving me wings;

And if I were a robin in

a tree,

I'd thank you Lord that

I could sing;

And if I were a fish in

the sea,

I'd wiggle my tail and

I'd giggle with glee;

But I just thank you

Father for making me, me.

Chorus....

For you gave me a heart,

And you gave me a smile,

You gave me Jesus and

you made me your child;

But I just thank you

Father for making me, me.

2. WELCOME.....and request for opening by
Albert McCormack....Church Warden.

"Sir, on behalf of the members of the Coober Pedy Mission District, we ask that this church be known as The Catacomb Church of Coober Pedy, and be opened for worship and dedicated to the glory of God."

3. Bishop's response...."I am ready and glad to open this building, and to proceed to the dedication."
Bishop...."Peace be to this house from God our Heavenly Father."
People...."Amen".
Bishop...."Peace be to this house from God's Son who is our peace."
People...."Amen".
Bishop...."Peace be to this house from God the Holy Spirit, the Strengthenener."
People...."Amen".

4. Keys of the church are then placed on the table.

5. Prayer of dedication by Bishop....."Almighty and ever-living God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, be pleased to accept the gifts and labours of many people which have enabled us to complete and furnish this building. Use it, we pray, for Your purpose, and enrich the people with your blessing. May the Holy Spirit refresh and quicken those who come, and, as our Lord has promised, lead them into all truth with all charity; so that by them Your mercy and love may radiate into the homes and lives of the people of this district, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.....AMEN.

6. Old Testament lessonPsalm 24 read by
Barry Rainsford, first
Missioner in Coober Pedy.

7. Musical item by Bill and Daphne Lennon.

8. New Testament lesson.... 1 Peter 2vs1-10 read by
Kevin Hull, Parish Councilor.

9. HYMN OF PERSONAL DEDICATION

TAKE MY LIFE (sung to tune "Love is Blue")

Take my life and let it be,
Consecrated Lord to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move,
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Take my voice and let me sing
Always only, for my King;

Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose;

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
Take my love; my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;

Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only all, for Thee.

10. DEDICATION OF LECTERN.....

Bishop....."Grant, O Lord, that all who hear the scriptures read in this church may receive your Word as a lantern for their feet and a light for their path, and that those who preach in your name may be inspired by your Holy Spirit, so that all may come to know your Son to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord..."AMEN.

Bishop and people....."To the glory of God we dedicate this lectern for the reading and preaching of your Holy Word, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
AMEN.

11. DEDICATION OF THE TABLE.....

Bishop....."Almighty God our Heavenly Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ offered on the cross the one perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, and in His own person destroyed the things which divide us, grant that we know our reconciliation with you and with each other at this table. Here may the continuing memorial of our Saviour's life, death, and resurrection be faithfully made according to His command, so that those who receive the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ may obtain the benefits of His redeeming love, and go out in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work as witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God for ever and ever." AMEN.

Bishop and people....."To the glory of God we dedicate this table, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..." AMEN.

12. A time of prayer.

- a) A prayer of praise to God for His wonderful provision by a representative of the Bush Church Aid Society.
- b) A prayer request for God's guidance and blessing for the future by a representative of the Diocese of Willochra.
- c) A prayer of local concern by a member of the Catacomb church of Coober Pedy.
- d) The Lord's Prayer....to be prayed by all.

13. The licence declaring the Catacomb church to be open and blessed will be signed by the members of the Coober Pedy Mission District Council and visiting leaders.

During the signing of the licence a brief organ recital will be played by Jeanette Dorey.

After the licence has been signed then Bishop Rosier and Rev Hayman shall deliver it, together with the keys to the church to the churchwardens saying....."We now declare this church, known as the Catacomb Church of Coober Pedy, to be open and dedicated for the service of Almighty God."

14. All shall stand and sing..."Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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14. cont.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been,
Thou forever wilt be.....

Great is Thy faithfulness;
Great is Thy faithfulness;
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand has provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

15. NEW TESTAMENT READING.....John 15 vs 1-17
by Theo Hayman Federal Secretary of
the Bush Church Aid Society.

16. SOLO BY Helen McCormack.

17. SPECIAL MESSAGE by The Archbishop of Sydney
and acting Anglican Primate
of Australia, Sir Marcus Loane.

18. HYMN.....THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY
OUR LOVE

(During the singing of this hymn everyone is invited to join hands with his/her neighbour as an expression of fellowship and praise to God.)

We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be

restored,

CHORUS...And they'll know we are christians by
our love, by our love,

Yes they'll know we are christians by
our love.

We will walk with each other,

We will walk hand in hand,

We will walk with each other,

We will walk hand in hand,

And together we'll spread the news that God
is in our land,

CHORUS.....And they'll know....etc.

All praise to the Father,

From whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ Jesus,

His only Son,

And all praise to the Spirit,

Who makes us one.....

CHORUS.....And they'll know....etc.

19. Closing prayer

20. Announcements and invitation to stay for a
cuppa, a browse around and a yarn.

THE MEMBERS OF THE CATACOMB CHURCH
MISSION DISTRICT COUNCIL THANK YOU
FOR ATTENDING THIS OPENING AND EXTEND
TO YOU A WARM INVITATION TO ATTEND
CHURCH WITH US ANY TIME GOD'S SPIRIT
MOVES YOU TO COME.

signed..... Kerry Medway
Albert McCormack
Arnold McCormack
Kevin Hull
Raelene Hull
Helen McCormack
Phil Olsson
Estelle Olsson
Sigi Plessing
Vicki McCormack
Robin Willimas
Diedre McCormack
Julianne Medway.