

Prayers and Liturgies



Mission: One Heart Many Voices

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Monday Morning Gathering Prayer & Opening

Gathering

Didgeridoo playing, in semi-darkness with a spotlight on the player.

Acknowledgement of Country (read over the playing of the didgeridoo and on screen)

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We honour all the unsung Aboriginal heroes who carved their footprints in the sands of time and we thank them for the gift of their unique culture.

Lighting of candle.

The Word Proclaimed (John 15:5 – 6, 12 – 17)

Thelma Parker: Chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council

A reading from the Gospel of John

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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Breaking Open of the Word

Thelma Parker *(short unpacking of the Gospel reading)*

Prayer Response

All: Creator God,

Today we gather as one heart with many voices, seeking to dialogue with one another and explore ways that we can respond to the call to live the joy of the Gospel and lead mission. We give thanks and ask for a blessing on all of us gathered here.

We pray that our gathering may allow the Spirit of Wisdom and Compassion to be expressed here as graciously and as clearly as possible. May we be wise in our sharing, ready to listen, open to learning where new insights and knowledge may take us, drawing on wisdom that stands the test of time and may we be courageous enough to discard whatever can no longer sustain our faith. We ask this through Jesus Christ, challenger and liberator.

Amen.

Welcome to the conference from NATSICC

Thelma Parker - Chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council



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Monday Evening Opening Mass

Introductory Rite

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Processional Song: *Summoned by Love* Trish Watts© As One Voice Vol 2

Penitential Act **Nkosi, Nkosi** *Freedom Is Coming – Songs of Protest and Praise from South Africa*
Wild Goose Publications©

Lord have mercy, have mercy upon us (x2)

Christ have mercy, have mercy upon us (x2)

Lord have mercy, have mercy upon us (x2)

Collect

May the power of the Holy Spirit
come to us, we pray, O Lord,
that we may keep your will faithfully in mind
and express it in a devout way of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 19: 1 - 8

Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul made his way overland as far as Ephesus, where he found a number of disciples. When he asked, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' they answered, 'No, we were never even told there was such a thing as a Holy Spirit.' 'Then how were you baptised?' he asked. 'With John's baptism' they replied. 'John's baptism' said Paul 'was a baptism of repentance; but he insisted that the people should believe in the one who was to come after him – in other words Jesus.' When they heard this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the moment Paul had laid hands on them the Holy Spirit came down on them, and they began to speak with tongues and to prophesy. There were about twelve of these men.

He began by going to the synagogue, where he spoke out boldly and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. He did this for three months.

The word of the Lord.



Responsorial Psalm Psalm 68:2-3AB, 4-5aCD, 6-7AB

Cry of the Poor John Foley © *As One Voice* Vol 1

The Lord hears the cry of the poor

Blessed be the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Colossians 3:1 **Misa del Mundo**

Jesse Manibusan and Tony Gomez OCP Publications©

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

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If raised with Christ, seek what is above, (Alleluia, Alleluia)

where Christ is seated at the right hand of God (Alleluia, Alleluia).

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Gospel John 16: 29 -33

Be brave: I have conquered the world.

His disciples said to Jesus, 'Now you are speaking plainly and not using metaphors! Now we see that you know everything, and do not have to wait for questions to be put into words; because of this we believe that you came from God.' Jesus answered them:

'Do you believe at last?

Listen; the time will come – in fact it has come already –

when you will be scattered, each going his own way and leaving me alone.

And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

I have told you all this so that you may find peace in me.

In the world you will have trouble, but be brave: I have conquered the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Presider: Brothers and sisters, as we now make our prayer for our community and for the world, let us pray to Christ the Lord, not only for ourselves and our own needs, but for the entire people of God.

1. For the Church of God, for Francis our Pope, for our Bishop and clergy, with the people entrusted to their charge: that Christ may fill them with courage and challenge them to be “a church that is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets”,

let us pray to the Lord, ✠ **Lord hear our prayer**

2. For those who hold public office and positions of power in our country: that Christ may guide their minds and hearts to promote the common good and to work for the healing of the deepest ills of society,

let us pray to the Lord, ✠ **Lord hear our prayer**

Arabic translation:

min ajl allazina yachgouloun alwazaif alamat wal marakiz al rafiati al faala fi biladina, laalla almasih youhdi oukoulouhoum wa kouloubouhoum liyouazizou al salih alam wa leyamalou min ajl shife al amrad al moutaassila fi al moujtama



mina alrabi natloub Let us pray to the Lord

3. For the peoples of the world: that Christ may influence all nations to preserve harmony, to grow in solidarity and to build communities of respect for human life, acceptance of diversity and compassion for all,
let us pray to the Lord, **✠ Lord hear our prayer**

French translation:

A tout les peuple du monde: Que le Christ a le pouvoir d'influences tous les nation et préserver l'harmonie, a grandir dans la solidarité, et construire la communauté du respect pour la vie humaine, acceptance de diversité et compassion pour tous.

Let us pray to the Lord.

4. For all who are oppressed by any kind of need, the sick and the isolated, the enslaved and exploited, especially those who are without hope: that Christ may grant relief to all who suffer in body, mind and spirit,
let us pray to the Lord, **✠ Lord hear our prayer**

Sinhalese translation:

Adara dewi piyaneni, mulika awashyethawayan nomathiwa peedawata lakwi sitina siyalu dhenama oba wahansege dhothata bara karamu. Rogee bawin, hudekelawen, suurakamen, wahal kamin badi sitina sama dhenath; balaporuththu winashewi athi siyeludenath api memohothe vishesheyen mathakkaramu. Obewahansege adara premeyen me siyeludenata sahaneya ha shaktiya laba denemen api obata yachnya karamu.

Let us pray to the Lord.

5. For ourselves and our own community: that Christ may strengthen us in our mission and stir in us love and compassion particularly for those on the margins,
let us pray to the Lord, **✠ Lord hear our prayer**

Croatian translation:

Za nas i svu našu zajednicu: da Isus dade nam snagu u našom misiju, da nam dirne srce sa ljubavi i velikodušnosti prema drugima, i najviše za ljude koji živiju na granicama naše zajednice.

Bože usliši nas Let us pray to the Lord

6. For those who have died, especially members of our communities, our family and our friends, and those who have supported the work of mission: that Christ may grant them a share in his kingdom,
let us pray to the Lord, **✠ Lord hear our prayer**

Presider: O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, for you yourself are the source of all goodness, and grant, we pray, that what we ask in faith we may truly obtain. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts **Blessed Be Our God** *Ryan Thomas ©*

Holy, Holy, Holy **Traditional Argentine Santo**

Lyrics and music were adapted by the choir to the new liturgy.

Music scores can be found on hymnary.org http://www.hymnary.org/text/holy_holy_holy_my_heart_my_heart_adores

Santo Santo Santo
Mi Corazon te adora!
Mi Corazon te sabe decir, santo eres Señor

Holy Holy Holy
Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the Highest.

Holy Holy Holy
Lord God of Hosts
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the Highest

Memorial Acclamation **Anunciamos Tu Muerte** *Misa de las Americas : Bob Hurd ©*

Anunciamos tu muerte,
proclamamos tu resurrección
Ven, Señor Jesús! Ven, Señor Jesús!

When we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim your death oh Lord
Until you come, Until you come again.

Amen

Alleluia
Amen alleluia, Amen alleluia,
Amen alleluia (x2)

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer - Aboriginal Our Father

Various communities sing this in slightly different ways. YouTube link to one version <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GZdPEsAZCo>

You are our Father, You live in heaven
We talk to you, Father you are good.
You are our father, You live in heaven
We talk to you, Father you are good.
We believe your word Father
We your children, give us bread today
We believe your word Father
We your children, give us bread today.



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We have done wrong, we are sorry.
Help us Father, not to sin again.
We have done wrong , we are sorry
Help us Father not to sin again.
Others have done wrong to us
And we are sorry for them Father today
Others have done wrong to us
And we are sorry for them Father today.
Stop us from doing wrong Father,
Save us all from the evil one
Stop us from doing wrong Father
Save us all from the evil one.
You are our Father, you live in heaven
We talk to you Father you are good.
You are our Father, You live in heaven
We talk to you Father you or good.

The Rite of Peace - Avenum Shalom Alekum

Adapted from the traditional Jewish song: Hevenu Shalom Alechem. The words mean "Peace be upon you". Recordings and alternative representation of the pronunciation can be found on YouTube.

Link to one example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JB4RMIWroMY>

Avenum shalom alekum
Avenum shalom alekum
Avenum shalom alekum
Avenum shalom shalom shalom alekum
And may the peace of Christ be with you
And may the peace of Christ be with you
And may the peace of Christ be with you
Avenum shalom shalom shalom alekum

The Breaking of the Bread – Lamb of God

Communion Song: *Alleluia We Sing Your Praises from Freedom is Coming* Nyder ©

Haleluya, We Sing Your Praises - Freedom Is Coming – Songs of Protest and Praise from South Africa - Wild Goose Publications©

Thanksgiving Song: *We Belong to God Singing the Faith* Roberto Escamilla translated by John Bell Iona Community ©

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Concluding Rite

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Song: *Sent by the Lord Am I* John Bell (Iona Community) ©



Living the Joy of the Gospel & Leading Mission

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Tuesday Morning Prayer

Gathering

Song Presentation: 'One Voice' *The Wailing Jennys* ©

Archbishop Fisher Address

Prayer

Leader: In the presence of God whose voice has called the stars, the earth and all creation into being,

All: ***We stand in awe.***

Leader: In the presence of God whose arms have held children and who holds all with compassion,

All: ***We stand in trust.***

Leader: In the presence of God whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for justice,

All: ***We stand in need.***

Leader: We gather in the name of a self-revealing, self-communicating, self-giving God revealed to us as a Trinity of being. Into this circle of love we are called, invited into God's place of hospitality and of mission.

All: ***We gather in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We gather in faith, in search of love and justice and wholeness. We gather with a willingness to share the joy of the Gospel with others and with an openness to participating in God's mission.***

Leader: I invite you to listen to that call to mission from the Words of Pope Francis.

Pope Francis Reflection

Prayer Response

Leader: Let us pray for Pope Francis and the breaking in of God's kingdom in our world today and for ourselves, that we will be signs and witnesses of this mission.

Left side: God of love, you want life to the full for each and every one of us. Help us to see our potential as you see it, so that your Spirit moving in us opens up new opportunities in us to transform this world, to evangelise it, and to make it Good News for all.

Right side: God of the hungry and of the full, God of the poor and of the rich, you have spoken a beautiful and challenging word of liberation and salvation, of freedom and unity, for all. Open our hearts and minds that we will be empowered to be Christ in the world going out to those who survive on the margins of life.

Left side: God of justice and compassion, you challenge us to constantly move beyond our pasts and call us into fresh possibilities for the future. Help us work to build a world



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characterised by right relationships, just inclusion, wise stewardship and prophetic solidarity.

Right side: God of the impossible, you never get discouraged and never cease to call us to hope, believe and strive for a happier, fairer and wiser world. Shape our faith with love and hope that we will follow Christ in action giving ourselves freely to being 'mission on this earth.' (EG n273)

Leader: Gather the prayers of our hearts, O God. As we move into this new day may we be united in one mission to make a difference where we are. Open us to the possibilities within us. Open us to the possibilities around us. May we respond with vision and conviction to your call to be disciples filled with love, joy, happiness and hope within our communities and places of ministry.

All: This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom joy is constantly born anew. Amen

Closing Song

'One Voice' *The Wailing Jennys* © The band's website offers MP3 and sheet music
<http://www.thewailingjennys.com/store/>



Listening to the Voices...Voices from the Heart

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Wednesday Morning Prayer & Reflection

Gathering

Leader: This morning we are invited to a listening of the heart to untold stories, to find Jesus in the faces of others, in their voices, in their pleas... to run the risk of a face to face encounter.

We draw you into a space of lament inspired by the psalms of lament which name the silences that our suffering has created. This lamenting brings us into communion with God and with one another, communion that makes it possible to acknowledge our pain and suffering, to rage that we see no point to it, and yet our very acknowledgment of that fact makes us a people capable of living life faithfully and with hope.

Let us pause in the silence, in the quiet stillness, to recognize this meeting place as made sacred and holy by God's presence with us.

We pray:

All: Compassionate and loving God,

We pray that we may listen deeply and reflectively to the voices of our brothers and sisters.

May we have the courage to work courageously for the Reign of God and the transformation of our World. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Isabelle's Story

Leader: We listen to Isabelle's voice.

It is a voice that is only just now beginning to be heard by the mainstream.

It is a voice that invites us to embrace and love what may be unfamiliar and recognize the inherent dignity of the human person.

It is a voice that asks us to look beyond the exterior and love the God within.

As we listen to Isabelle's story we hold her and her family in prayer.

Watch Isabelle's story

All: Listen, for this is the Lord speaking,

Are we awake to hear and respond?

Sung Response **Te Rogamos, Señor** *(We cry out to you, Lord)* Bob Hurd ©

Refrain: Te rogamos Señor

1. Empower your people, to be your compassion

To be holy church, the body of Christ

Te rogamos Señor



Catholic Women's Stories

Leader: We listen to the voices of faithful, Catholic women active in the Church responding to a request from the Australian Catholic Bishops Women's Commission to share their views of the role of women in the Church today.

As we listen to the voices of Catholic women we hold them in prayer.

Listen to Women's voices called out from the crowd

All: Listen, for this is the Lord speaking,
Are we awake to hear and respond?

Sung Response **Te Rogamos, Señor** (*We cry out to you, Lord*)

Refrain: *Te rogamos Señor*

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Earth's Story

Leader: In a world driven by economics and power the voice of the suffering earth is one that struggles to be heard.

As we listen to the voice of the Earth we hold all of creation in prayer.

Watch Earth's story

All: Listen, for this is the Lord speaking,
Are we awake to hear and respond?

Sung Response **Te Rogamos, Señor** (*We cry out to you, Lord*)

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Survivors of Sexual Abuse Stories

Leader: The Church is still coming to terms with the deep and lasting effects of child sexual abuse on individuals and faith communities. It takes courage to listen to ourselves, each other and the Spirit in response to the issue of sexual abuse in our community.

As we listen to the survivors of sexual abuse we hold them in prayer.

Watch "Breaking the Silence" story

All: Listen, for this is the Lord speaking,
Are we awake to hear and respond?



Sung Response **Te Rogamos, Señor** (We cry out to you, Lord)

Refrain: Te rogamos Señor

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Prayer Response

Leader: We have listened and heard, we have watched and seen and sung. We have been stirred and challenged, and have been moved by the stories of people and of the earth. Together we have lamented.

I invite you now to sit with the experience.

Take note of what is stirring in your spirit...

What is touching your own heart and mind...

What is Jesus saying?

Leader: A voice was heard, crying and lamenting.
It was one weeping to be heard.
Have we been awake to hear and respond?

All: Our God, teach us to hear the untold stories, to see you in them. Give us courage to run the risk of a face to face encounter.

Inspire us to bear one another's burdens and advocate for human dignity and the common good.

Give us a prophetic voice to meet the challenges of our day.

Spirit of God, ignite and enflame us, once again.

Mark us as your very own, crackling with life, that we might warm frozen hearts, and subvert frozen structures for the sake of your reign and your kingdom.

We pray in trust. Amen

L'Arche

Interview with two members of the community

*Song **Over My Head** John Bell/Iona Community ©As One Voice Vol 2*

Leader: Gracious God,

Filled with your divine presence we go forth with renewed courage to face life's choices.

May our burdens be lightened because they are shared.

May our vision be expanded.

May the vibrations of our life's dance eradicate injustice and transform all of creation. Amen



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Wednesday Closing Prayer

Gathering

Leader: As we come to the end of our conference let us gather, united in heart and voice as we pray...
We are among your called.

All: **We have heard and answered your summons.**

Leader: You have addressed us in the deep places of our lives.

All: **We have heard and answered your summons.**

Leader: You have called us beyond our comfort zones.

All: **We thank you for the call, for the burden of that call,
For the risk that goes with it, for the joy of words given us by your growing spirit
And for the newness that comes from our word.**

Leader: We gather as a community of faith, called to be missionary disciples, to be agents for transformation.

Leader: God of Joy,

Over these past days we have gathered in your name to reflect upon the joy of your Gospel and what it means for us as we share your Word and engage in the field of your mission. May we take seriously this mission to transform the world and herald a new humanity of love and fellowship, justice and peace, freedom and wholeness, solidarity and sharing, together with all people and all of creation.

May our communities be a sign and witness to this mission.

All: We thank you for the many gifts you have given us. Be with us as we journey from this place and move back to our places of work. Guide us and renew us as we endeavour to build your kingdom and seek to share the joy of the Gospel to others.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Commissioning with Crosses

Leader:

As you leave today you are invited to take with you a Cross - A symbol of the call to mission, to be empowered, to be the compassion, the holy Church, the Body of Christ.

These crosses have a special story. They are from Bethlehem in Israel. They are made of wood from the pruning of the olive trees and they were carved by families from the local community. They have also been painted by the Aboriginal Community of Women from Mt Druitt, the Baabayn community who have joined us today to gift them to us. The symbols that the women used to paint on the crosses have reflected the messages of this conference – heart, voice and fire!

The artists are Rhonda Randall, Daisy Barker, Margaret Farrell and Janice Brown who we are pleased to have with us this afternoon.

I invite the women to come forward to share something of their experience of painting these crosses for us.



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Blessing and Sending Forth

Leader: Called and chosen we are sent to be Missionary Disciples proclaiming the joy of the Gospel. As we leave this place we draw on the inspiration of the life and work of Bishop Oscar Romero who is being beatified this weekend.

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Leader: And may the blessing of God, the Creator and the Son, and the Holy Spirit come down on us and remain with us forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us go in peace, to continue the work God has begun in us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song

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