

order of service

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

HOW SHALL I CALL YOU?

V.1 How shall I call you? Maker of heaven, poet of sunset and painter of sky; Father almighty who's running to find us, giving his Son who must suffer and die.

Antiphon:

Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit, let's sing it again and again. Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen

V.2 How shall I call you? Lover of children, shepherd and teacher and brother and friend; healer of blind man and healer of leper: you are beginning and middle and end.

V.3 How shall I call you? Spirit of comfort, cloud in the day time and fire in the night; guide as we wander, protector in danger, list'ner and helper and giver of sight.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Lord of life and power,
through the mighty resurrection of your Son
you have overcome the old order of sin and death
and have made all things new in him.

May we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
reign with him in glory,
who, with you and the Holy Spirit ever lives,
one God, from all eternity.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 8:23-27

Storm on the lake

He got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Without warning a violent storm came up on the lake, and the boat began to be swamped by the waves. Jesus was sleeping soundly, so they made their way toward him and woke him. Lord save us! We are lost! He said to them "where is your courage? How little faith you have!" Then he stood up and took the winds and the sea to task. Complete calm ensured; the men were dumbfounded. "What sort of man is this" they said. "That even the winds and the sea obey him?"

This is the gospel of the lord.

I HAVE LOVED YOU

Antiphon:

I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine; I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine.

V.1 Seek the face of the Lord and long for him; he will bring you his light and his peace.

V.2 Seek the face of the Lord and long for him; he will bring you his joy and his hope.

V.3 Seek the face of the Lord and long for him; he will ring you his care and his love.

PRAYER OF BLESSING:

Almighty God, at the very dawn of creation, your Spirit hovered over the waters. You made them teem with life, and you gave mankind dominion over the land and sea. Help us to exercise this dominion wisely, for the good of all peoples. Help us to rejoice in the splendour of your world, and give thanks to you for its beauty. Help us to realise that though we are made in your image, we are but a part of the world you have made, and are but the stewards of your creation.

On this day we celebrate new life, new birth, in Jesus Christ your Son. We ask you to bless the fishermen of this fleet. Keep them safe from the dangers of wind and waves, bless their work of providing food for others, and make their work satisfying and fulfilling.

May he who calmed the storm, and bade his apostles pay out their nets for the catch, be with these fishermen always, and bring them safely through the trials and dangers of their lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who died for us, and rose this day in glory. Amen.