**Service Order Resource for NAIDOC Week (Nov 8 – 15, 2020)**

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord;

**they will bring glory to your name.**

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**welcome and introduction**

Welcome to worship. In our worship today we will be recognising NAIDOC Week, which this year runs from the 8h to the 15th of November.

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NAIDOCstands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Normally, NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

Our worship today includes reference to the Lutheran Church of Australia’s Reconciliation Plan. There may be some images of deceased persons in the presentation.

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**HYMN / SONG**

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

The worth, dignity and equality of all human beings is central to the Christian faith. Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, including our failure to treat all our fellow human beings with dignity and respect.

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**Almighty God and Father, you have created all people in your image, and by your grace in Jesus Christ, drawn people of every nation and language back into your kingdom. We confess that we are often painfully separated by race, culture, power and prestige. We are sorry for our sins of thought, word and deed. For sins of commission as well as omission. We plead for your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. He has drawn those from every nation and culture who believe in his name, into his family as children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit.

Grant this Lord, to us all, and help us to grow as brothers and sisters in your universal family.

**Amen.**

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**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Lord have mercy on us.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy on us.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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**GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Lord Jesus Christ, by your cross and passion you reconciled the world to God and broke down the barriers of race and culture that divide people and nations. Make us and all your people, agents of reconciliation in the life of our church and our world. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Son lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 50:15-21** The call of Moses

The First Reading is written in the book of Genesis, chapter 50, beginning at verse 15.

When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, ‘What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him? ’So they sent word to Joseph, saying, ‘Your father left these instructions before he died: **“**This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.” Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.’ When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. ‘We are your slaves,’ they said.

But Joseph said to them, ‘Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.’ And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 5:17-19** The Ministry of Reconciliation

 The Second Reading is written in the Second Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 5, beginning at verse 17.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come. Everything is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, certain that God is appealing through us. We plead on Christ’s behalf, ‘Be reconciled to God.’

 *After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 7:1-5** Judging others

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, chapter 7, beginning at verse 1.

 *Before the Gospel:*

**Glory be to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said:

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

How can you say to your brother, “Let me take the speck out of your eye,” when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.’

 *After the gospel*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

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**Children’s Address**

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**HYMN | SONG**

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**MEDITATION Text: Galatians 3:28**

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**APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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**OFFERING HYMN**

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray …

**Thank you, Lord, for all the gifts you have entrusted to us, including the land on which we live. Help us to remember that all we are and have comes from you and is to be used to serve you. Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God and Father, thank you for all your goodness, and especially for the gift of your dear Son, through whom you have revealed your will and grace. Plant your word in us, and help us to keep it in our hearts so that we bear much fruit in welldoing. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Protect and strengthen your church throughout the world, so your word and sacraments may nurture faith in you and love to all people. Be with our Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand in particular at this time. Lead us so we may maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, showing Christlike love to all. Keep the children of the church in the grace of their baptism, and help all who care for them to bring them up to trust and obey you. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Bless all those in government and positions of authority at national, State and civic levels and help them to govern wisely and justly, showing respect to all no matter what their ethnic or racial background, so people may be restrained from wrongdoing and encouraged to live good lives. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We place in your care all who are in trouble, and those who support and care for them. Remember those in need, those suffering from intergenerational trauma and those whose circumstance make them increasingly vulnerable. Comfort them with your Holy Spirit, so that in their distress they may accept your fatherly will and rejoice in your saving help. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Let your blessing rest on agriculture, commerce, and industry. Bless our arts and culture in all their diversity, our rest and leisure. Protect those who travel, and those whose work is difficult or dangerous. Support all who strive to do your will in their daily vocation, and assure them that you are pleased with their work. Lord, in your mercy.

hear our prayer.

Protect us from all physical harm and spiritual danger. Support us in our last hour with your mercy, and finally take us into your eternal joy, to love and serve you with your saints and angels forever. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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**LORD’S PRAYER |** *(Alternative)* **AT 574 Aboriginal Our Father**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

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**BLESSING**

The blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit🕆 be with you/us all.

**Amen.**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

**Suggested Hymns**

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| LH 189 One is our God and FatherLH 194 Thy hand, O God, has guided ...LH 394 God is love ...LHS 812 The Lord in wisdom made the earthLHS 819 Wake us, O Lord, to human needLHS 820 We thank you, Lord, for eyes to seeLHS 821 Where cross the crowded ways of lifeLHS 858 Make me a channel of your peace | AT 1 Lord of our DaysAt 91 They will know we are ChristiansAT 249 Dreams and VisionsAT 292 Because we bear Your NameAT 341 If you’re Black or if you’re WhiteAT 356 Give GloryAT 433 You were in this placeAT 462 Hand in HandAT 574 Aboriginal Our Father |