



**Service of
Thanksgiving and Praise**

Tanunda S.A.

**Sunday, 3rd October, 1993
10 a.m.**

Order of Service

Invocation

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

Assembly: Amen.

We have gathered here as members of one family, descendants of Johanne Elisabeth Arnold. Let us together praise and thank the Lord for His love, grace and blessing, and the guidance given to our forbears and ourselves, as we sing "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty".

Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation!
Join the full throng;
Wake, harp and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all thing so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen?
All that is needful hath been
Granted in what He ordaineth.
3. Praise to the Lord, Who hath fearfully, wondrously made thee;
Health hath vouchsafed, and when headlessly falling hath stayed thee:
What need or grief
Ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee!
5. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Prayer (Together)

We have come before You this day, O God,
To thank You for your past gifts to us;
To receive strength for the present tasks we have;
To find courage to face anything which the future may bring.
So let it be given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 107 – Selected verses

- M: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
A: For His steadfast love endures for ever!
- M: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble
A: And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- M: They cried to the Lord in their trouble,
A: And He delivered them from their distress;
- M: He led them by a straight way,
A: Till they reached a city to dwell in.
- M: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love,
A: For his wonderful works to the sons of men!
- M: They saw the deeds of the Lord,
A: His wondrous works in the deep.
- M: For He commanded, and raised the stormy wind,
A: Which lifted up the waves of the sea.
- M: They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths:
A: Their courage melted away in their evil plight.
- M: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
A: And He delivered them from their distress
- M: He made the storm be still,
A: And the waves of the sea were hushed.
- M: Then they were glad because they had quiet,
A: And He brought them to their desired haven.
- M: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love,
A: For His wonderful works to the sons of men!

M: Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,
A: And praise Him in the assembly of the elders.

M: He turns a desert into pools of water,
A: A parched land into springs of water.

M: And there He lets the hungry dwell,
A: And they establish a city to live in;

M: They sow fields, and plant vineyards,
A: And get a fruitful yield.

M: By His blessing they multiply greatly;
A: And He does not let their cattle decrease.

M: Whoever is wise, let him give heed to these things;
A: Let men consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Together: Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and shall be for evermore. Amen.

The Epistle: Hebrews 10:32-39

Choir:

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

Apostle's Creed: (Together)

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: "God the Father and the Spirit"

1. God the Father, Son, and Spirit,
Ever-blessed Trinity,
Humbly now our thanks we offer,
All unworthy though we be.
Freely Thou has showered blessings
Countless as the ocean sands,
Blessing rich and overflowing,
On the labours of our hands.
2. Thou didst guide our fathers' footsteps
To this land we hold so dear,
Lengthening all the cords and curtains
Of their habitation here;
Strengthening still Thy temple's pillars
As Thou has from age to age;
Giving us, their sons and daughters,
An abiding heritage.
3. Grant that we Thy Word may cherish,
And its purity retain.
Lord, unless Thou art the builder,
All our labour is in vain.
Keep us from all pride and boasting,
Vanity and foolish trust,
Knowing that our work without Thee
Soon will crumble into dust.
4. God of grace and love and blessing.
Thine alone shall be the praise;
Give us hearts to trust Thee truly,
Hands to serve Thee all our days.
Lord, bestow Thy future blessing
Till we join the heavenly host,
There to serve and praise Thee ever,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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Hymn: "Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven"

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet they tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious is His faithfulness.
3. Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely as His mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Prayers

- M: Almighty and ever-living God, we bring to You the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts and lips, for blessing us and the generations before us so richly with all good things. By Your grace and providence You upheld our forefathers in times of trial and hardship and brought them safely to this new homeland of peace and opportunity. Your presence has never been withdrawn from us, and we confidently believe that for the future You will never leave us nor forsake us.
- A: For all these mercies we thank and praise You, good Lord.

M: Lord God, our Creator and Redeemer, Your Holy Word teaches us that we do not live by bread alone. We are deeply conscious of all the spiritual blessings so abundantly showered upon us, especially the gifts of the risen Saviour, and the promise that because He lives, we will also live with You in heaven.

A: For all these mercies we thank and praise You, Good Lord.

M: Heavenly Father, the source of all compassion, understanding and mercy, let the radiance of Your healing countenance shine upon all who suffer sickness in body, mind, or soul. Be with the sorrowing, with the weak from old age, those weary from hard work, those separated from loved ones, those uncertain about the future, those experiencing broken relationships, the handicapped and the unemployed, and hear their cries. Touch them with Your healing love, and show them what great things You have prepared for those who love You.

A: For all Your mercy and compassion, we thank and praise You, Good Lord.

M: Father in heaven, continue to bless us and all the people of this our Land. We pray that those who govern may at all times acknowledge You and Your will, and rule according to Your direction, and that Your Word in its truth and purity may always be allowed free expression.

A: We ask You to hear us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (Together)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, and give you peace.

A: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God"

1. Now thank we all our God
 With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
 In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
 Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
 And still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
 And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
 And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
 With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
 Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore.

Ministers: Pastor Colin Henschke and Pastor Reg Kotzur.

Choirmaster and Organist: Robert Arnold.

Band: The Light United Band conducted by Ron Schmidt.