

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.

HYMN: ETERNAL FATHER

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who did brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bade its angry tumult cease,
And gave light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brothers shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe
Protect them where ever they go:
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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 ensued; 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.

HYMN: 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.