OPENING CEREMONY
UNITED WAR MEMORIAL CHURCH

Saturday, 23rd July, 1960 at 3 p.m.

ACT OF COMMEMORATION
Rev. C. T. F. Goy.

ACT OF OPENING
Dame Pattle Menzies, G.B.E.

PRESIDING MINISTER
The Reverend Bertram R. Wyllie, M.A.B.D.,
Acting Chairman of the United Church Board

OFFICIAL VISITOR
The Honourable P.M.C. Hesluck, M.A., M.H.R.,
Minister for Territories

MINISTERS OF DARWIN PARISH
Reverend N. C. Pearce, B.A., A.C.I.S.
Reverend L. E. Shirley
ORDER OF SERVICE

The people being assembled outside the Memorial Church shall stand when the official party arrives.

THE DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow"

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. N. C. Pearce.

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.
Response: Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.
Minister: Surely the Lord is in this place.
Response: This is none other than the House of God and this is the gate of heaven.
Minister: O magnify the Lord with me.
Response: And let us exalt His name for ever.
Minister: Let us pray.
O Lord God, Almighty and most merciful whom the heavens, even the heavens of heavens, cannot contain, much less temples built with human hands, but Who dwellest with men, and delightest Thyself in the fellowship of Thy people, accept what we are about to perform. Let peace be to this house and to all who shall worship in it. Grant peace to all who shall enter it and to those who shall go from it. Give peace to this city and to this world in Thy time O Lord. Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

NARRATION OF STEPS LEADING TO ERECTION OF THE UNITED WAR MEMORIAL CHURCH Rev. L. E. Shirley.

HYMN

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.

Welcome to visitors

ACT OF COMMEMORATION Rev. N. C. Pearce.

The Acting Chairman of the United Church Board, the Reverend B. R. Wylie, shall call upon the Reverend C. T. F. Geal, Archdeacon who served in Darwin during the war period, to lead the people in an act of commemoration. Sergeant B. Tarrant shall present him to be kept in the entrance room of the new Church. The Book of Remembrance. The Reverend C. T. F. Geal shall speak of the significance of the book. Then he shall say:

We are met to open this Memorial Church and to render thanksgiving to God for His great mercies towards us. In humble tribute we remember those who in days of war in this area found no shame in laying down their own lives. Grant, O God, that we may walk worthy of their sacrifice, endeavouring to strengthen between all peoples the bond of peace.

Let us pray:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

God of our fathers, know of old, Lord of our far-flung battle line, Beneath whose awful hand we hold Dominion over palm and pine— Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet.

Last we forget—last we forget!

If drunk with sight of power, we loose Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe, Such boasting as the Gentiles use, Or lesser breeds without the law—

Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet.

Last we forget—last we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust In reeking tub and iron shard, All valiant dust that builds on dust, And guarding, calls not Thee to guard;— Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord! Amen.

THE LAMENT The Pipe Major of the Caledonian Pipe Band.

"FAREWELL AT EVENTIDE" The Darwin Brass Band and Buglers.

SILENCE

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Acting Chairman of the United Church Board, the Reverend B. R. Wylie, shall invite the Minister for Territories to deliver the occasional address.

OCCASIONAL ADDRESS The Honourable Paul Hasluck.

RESPONSIVE READING

Presiding Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

The Peoples: For He hath founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the floods.

Presiding Minister: Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall stand in His holy place?

The Peoples: He that Hath clean hands and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul into vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Presiding Minister: He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

The Peoples: This is the generation of them that seek Thee: that seek Thy face, O Jacob.