

Morning Prayer

Call to Worship

- Leader** We praise you God of Love, active among us.
All You mould us into community.
Leader You call all life into being.
All God of love, your Presence surrounds us.
Leader You call us to remember our co-Founder, Julian Tenison Woods.
All God of compassion, we unite as Josephites in gratitude and praise to you.

Hymn

Celebrating the Memory

I've come to know of a little known but truly great 'Australian'
by the name of Julian Tenison Woods.
I'm so impressed by his tenacity, his courage and his faith
that I want to tell his story in a song.
For nearly fifty years and seven he was used as holy leaven
To mission, preach, exhort, and educate.
A humble man, but singular, he lived by this decree,
Always trust in the Providence of God.

He travelled to Australia in 1855
and soon began his priestly ministry.
Appointed to Penola in the South Australian bush
where heart and drought and distance were endured.
By horse he covered endless tracks administering the rites
he'd camp under the stars, or with his flock.
and so began a ten year stint among the poor bush folk.
he put body, heart and soul upon the line.

Chorus So sing of an Australian pioneer
whose legacy is with us to this day,
In education, science and imparting faith,
let us celebrate his memory.
So sing of an Australian cavalier,
keep the dream and his story alive.

The hardships that the people faced caused Fr. Woods much pain.
He'd advocate for better roads and mail.
but most of all he saw the need to educate the young
and help young girls whose pride was taken away.
So with Mary MacKillop he realised a dream
for women of faith to educate the bush.
and so began the Sisters of St Joseph at the time.
They were the face of the early Church in Australia.



Chorus

As well as servant to the people was a scientist of note,
in plants and rocks, the story of the land,
was a known conservationist, a lover of the wild.
I gave balance, relaxation and acclaim.
Had reports and writings published in the scientific journals,
Was held in high esteem among the best.
but his passion for creation, it was grounded in his faith
nature's harmony resides in God.

Well known for his mission work, it took him far and wide,
to Tassie, New South Wales and way up north.
A reputation as a speaker he could hold a crow in awe
his eloquence and goodness were admired.
Was inclined to be eccentric and a bit of a romantic
but he managed to see the funny side of life.
He loved literature and music, had a passion for the arts,
it seems a fuller life you wouldn't find.

Chorus

I hope I've done him justice in the story that I've told,
I'm sure he'll let me know the time we meet.
I've hopefully inspired you to delve into his life
so you might understand how faith prevails.
For we've each been placed upon this earth to build a living kingdom,
by using all the gifts that God bestowed.
and Father Woods, if nothing else, had surely done just that,
A fine example of the symphony of life.

Chorus

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Psalm 8

Refrain I cannot refrain from praising the beauty of God's wonderful ways

Praise God from the heavens, praise God from the heights.
Praise God, all you angels and hosts.
Praise God, sun and moon, all you shining stars
You highest heavens, you waters above the heaven, praise our God.

Let everything praise the name of God
for our God commanded and they were created.
God established them forever and ever
and gave them a duty which shall not pass away.
Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and all depths;
Fire and hail, snow and mist, storm winds that fulfill God's Word.
You mountains and all you hills, you fruit trees and all you cedars;
You wild beasts and all tame animals, creeping things and winged fowl.

Let the rulers of the earth and all the peoples,
the leaders and all the judges of the earth
Young men, too, and maidens, and elderly, and boys and girls
praise the Name of our God, for God's Name alone is exalted.

Let all that exists and breathes praise God,
whose majesty is above earth and heaven
May God be praised by all the faithful ones,
by the children of Israel, the people close to God.

Blessed are you, God of the Universe;
You have given life to all things.

Glory to you, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.



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Scripture - Luke 13: 18-19

He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

Writings of Julian Edmund Woods

"Every rock, every leaf, every insect has something beautiful, nay, wonderful to tell.. a perfect fairyland of beauty will open to the gaze at every step. The flowers will unveil the hidden secrets of their beauty; the stones reveal their crystalline structure, and the tiniest insect display wonders of mechanism.. All new, varied and instructive, and tending to raise the mind to higher and nobler conceptions of what creation does to declare the glory of its author."

JTW Notes made in North Australia Sydney Mail 17th July, 1880

Reflection

Take time to reflect on the readings and share your insights.

Intercessions

Leader Let us pray for the needs of our world and ourselves.

Invitation to make prayers aloud

Response **Provident God hear us.**

Benedictus

All **Dawn in love with us today.**

Blest be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who brings the dawn and darkest night dispels,
who raises up a mighty saviour from the earth,
of David's line, a son of royal birth.

The prophets tell a story just begun
of vanquished foe and glorious victory won,
of promise made to all who keep the law as guide:
God's faithful love and mercy will abide.

This is the oath once sworn to Abraham:
all shall be free to dwell upon the land,
free now to praise, unharmed by the oppressor's rod,
holy and righteous in the sight of God.
and you, my child, this day you shall be called
the promised one, the prophet of our God,
For you will go before the Lord to clear the way,
and shepherd all into the light of day.

The tender love God promised from our birth
is soon to dawn upon this shadowed earth,
to shine on those whose sorrows seem to never cease,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.

All glory be to God, Creator blest,
to Jesus Christ, God's love made manifest,
and to the Holy Spirit, gentle comforter,
All glory be both now and evermore.

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Leader Let us pray together

Our Father

Litany

Julian you opened eyes to interest in and care of the environment	Pray for us
Julian you inspired the dispirited to live faith filled lives	Pray for us
Julian your influence and ministry have continued to these days	Pray for us
When we feel lost or in need of direction	Pray for us
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Concluding Prayer

Leader God of the morning
As we come alive to this new day
May we grow in love and care for all of your creation – human, animal
and environment
May we follow in Julian's ecological footsteps more respectfully and
consistently.
We ask this in the name of Christ and the Spirit of Life.
All Amen

Blessing

Leader May the hospitable heart of God open us.
All Amen
Leader May the Sacred Heart of Christ mission us.
All Amen
Leader May the Spirit keep us persevering.
All Amen



Evening Prayer

Together

Leader We gather as Josephite Sisters and daughters of Julian Woods.

All May the Spirit of the evening settle with us.

Psalm 25

Leader “Do not seek to be regarded as anything but servants of the poor.”

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Make me know your ways, O God. Teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour.

Remember your mercy, O God, and your steadfast love,
which you have given from of old.

You, O God, are good and upright; you instruct sinners in your way.
You lead the humble in the right path and teach your way to the poor.

All your ways are loving and constant
for those who keep your covenant and your decrees.

Those who fear you, O God, you will instruct in the way they should choose.
Your friendship is for those who revere you. Make known to them your covenant.

Preserve my life and deliver me; let me not be put to shame for I take refuge in you.
May integrity and uprightness preserve me; for my hope is in you.

Glory to you, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

All “Do not seek to be regarded as anything but servants of the poor.”

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Scripture - Luke 6: 6-11

On another Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the Sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?” After looking around at all of them, he said to him “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Reading from Julian Edmund Woods to Mary MacKillop - 24 April 1862

You must now agree with me if I am to continue your correspondent that I must not be expected to write long letters. You know the claims on my time and I feel sure you will make allowances. I will always write, however, and try to encourage and keep alive the good impressions with which our dear Lord has inspired you. In return, you have only to pray that I may increase in the love of God and do His will, and I don't care for the rest. That is the only virtue I want all to be unceasing in their prayers for, because it carries everything with it, and it seems to me we have no right to expect God to have patience with the world at all unless we obtain for Him a return of what He expends so lavishly.

Reflection

Invitation to reflection and prayers for the world and ourselves

Response **God, Source of Life, hear us**

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
My spirit sings to God, my saving God,
who on this day above all others favoured me
and raised me up, a light for all to see.

Through me great deeds will God make manifest,
and all the earth will come to call me blest.
Unbounded love and mercy sure I will proclaim
for all who know and praise God's holy name.

God's mighty arm, protector of the just,
will guard the weak and raise them from the dust.
but mighty kings will swiftly fall from thrones corrupt.
The strong brought low, the lowly lifted up.

Soon will the poor and hungry of the earth
be richly blest, be given greater worth.
and Israel, as once foretold to Abraham,
Will live in peace throughout the promised land.

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to Jesus Christ, God's love made manifest,
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Leader God of day's ending
We give thanks for the life and influence of
Julian Edmund Woods.
May his vision of God's mission and our vocation
continue to inspire and encourage us day after day.
We ask this in the name of Christ
And the Spirit of Endurance.

All Amen.

Blessing

Leader May the God of Providence envelop us in your infinite care.

All Amen.

Leader May the missioning heart of Christ keep us alive to our call.

All Amen.

Leader May the Spirit of Communion bond us as Josephite women.

All Amen.