Church Of South India

Karnataka Central Diocese

Women's Fellowship



Liturgy for

Women's Sunday2019

Theme:

Women as bridges of Peace network

Call to Worship

Leader : God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Cong : Let us worship God with praise, love and thanksgiving

Leader : Let all God's children rejoice in their king.

Cong : We rejoice in our God! We give glory to God's holy name.

Leader : All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

Cong : All the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations, and provides for us all.

Leader: Let us praise and worship God for our Christian heritage

Cong : We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us the breath of life.

Praise and adoration

Leader : Immortal God we praise you for you have looked alike on your creation both male and female ,taught us to respect one another's differences and to listen to each other, just as you set the example teaching men and women, healing and performing miracles on both men and women. you loved your creation and still look for your children who will walk in your ways making this world a place void of fears to live in.

Cong : We praise you immortal God.

Leader: Creator God we praise you for this blessed community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. you strengthen our faith, affirm our gifts ,calling us to engage in ministry and action, looking ever to you for spiritual sustenance

Cong: We glorify your name Creator God.

Leader : Mighty God We sing praises to you , that we can claim the amazing gifts of the spirit with which we have been equipped for service and leadership, gifts of peacemaking, compassion, perseverance, unity and love.

Cong: We praise your name Mighty God.

Leader : Invisible God of the universe we praise you for your design that all should dwell in unity and as we strive for harmony in this vast planet we live in, we are reminded of our role on this earth to use the life you have given us, Giver of life.

Cong: We praise and adore you Invisible God.

Prayer of confession Call to confession (after a brief silence the following hymn to be sung prayerfully)

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Leader : Almighty God we confess that we have often forgotten that we are yours and carry our own Burdens and try to do our own will,we have failed to witness to your glory, for these things we ask your forgiveness.

Cong: Forgive us O God of the individual.

Leader :Holy God we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you ,heal us from our sins, rebuke us not in thy anger,we have strayed away from you.

Cong: Forgive us Holy God

Leader : Loving God of grace and compassion we confess our hardness of heart and unforgiving spirit to our fellow beings.

Cong : Forgive us O God, our lovelessness.

Leader: Merciful God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is in the world.

Cong: forgive us O God of mercy.

Leader: Great God we have often forgotten to minister to the needy in their times of need we have been self centered and failed to be concerned about the less fortunate

Cong :forgive us O God of compassion,

Absolution :Presbyter

May the God of all healing and
forgiveness draw us to Himself, and
cleanse us from all our sins that we may
behold the glory of His Son, the Word
made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, who
sent His Son into the world ,bring you
His pardon and Peace now and forever
AMEN

Collect for the day

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: have mercy on our broken and divided world. Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all and banish from them the spirit that makes for war, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family and in obedience to your law, Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader : Lord the creator of the universe you have preserved our lives from innumerable dangers that cross our path every day .This lease of life is given to us by Grace.

Cong : We thank you for the gift of life

Leader : We are made aware that more number of women and children have been killed in wars than soldiers, yet women have proved down the Ages to be the best ally to promote peace.

Cong : We thank you lord.

Leader: We remember and thank you for women like Harriet Tubman born in 1820, A runaway slave who helped 300 more people into freedom and who helped dying soldiers find their way back to life ,with her herbal concoctions, during the civil war of 1863 serving as a nurse in Maryland.

Cong : We thank you Lord.

Leader: We are grateful for Ada Aharoni a Jewish woman who continues to boldly speak out for peace between the Palestinians and Jews, in various world Peace conferences, she herself being a surviving victim of this conflict calls to all people to build bridges of peace.

Cong : We thank you Lord.

Leader: We acknowledge Fatima from Nigeria who makes women understand that peace starts from within us, especially those that are affected during crisis, so that they can be an example to others and help make a positive future for all women and girls growing up.

Cong : We thank you Lord

Leader: For Massaran from Mali ,West Africa who is helping to improve relations between mining companies, local communities and authorities, she wants to help women participate more actively in peace building initiatives in Mali by providing them with training on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

Cong : We thank you Lord

Leader : We remember and thank you lord for our very own Mother Teresa who selflessly worked for people who were not of her race, religion or nationality, Mother Teresa had transcended all barriers. With her message she was able to reach through to something innate in every human kind— She promoted peace in the most fundamental manner, by her confirmation of the inviolability of human dignity.

Cong: We thank you Lord for all who have gone before us and walked difficult paths to resolve conflicts and bring forth Peace. Prepare us to be instruments in peace building and give us more women leaders to sustain peace and development. We thank you for the Women in the Bible who stand out as examples building bridges of Peace.

Bible Readings
1st Reading : 2 Samuel 14:1-10
Skit/Special song –women's fellowship
2nd Reading :Ephesians 4:1-3
Hymn/lyric
3rd Reading :St John 4:27-30,39-42

SERMON

Affirmation of faith-
We believe in Jesus Christ, the liberator of this world Who broke the culture of silence and affirmed and advocated for us the status of women in society, who called us to follow his footsteps to resist all the exploitative and oppressive systems to build a human community.

We believe in the holy spirit that empowers us to stand firm who renews and restores the integrity of the creation to help all people to grow together towards wholeness of life. Amen.

Intercessory prayers

Leader : God of the universe, the creator of humanity help us to continue your mind of showing love to our neighbour to preserve the beauteous creation and to respect ecology around us.

Cong : Lord hear our prayer

Leader : We pray for Peace among nations, that all people may dwell in peaceable habitation and fulfill the purpose of their creation.

Cong : Lord hear our prayer

Leader : We pray for those who have lost the loved ones in the recent gruesome terrorist act at Srilanka during the Easter service, comfort the bereaved and enlighten the darkened minds.

Cong : Lord hear our prayer

Leader : We pray for those who are afflicted with pain, the sick and suffering for the depressed and lonely, the unloved and persecuted, the unemployed and depressed, extend the compassion of Christ on them.

Cong : Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord's prayer

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

The power and the glory forever and ever

Amen.

Church Announcements, report of the Women's Fellowship Activities

Offertory: Hymn /lyric, offertory prayer

Closing Hymn

Closing prayer

Benediction

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.