



METHODIST LADIES' COLLEGE
OLD COLLEGIANS' CLUB

*Annual Chapel Service
and
Keynote Speech*

SATURDAY, 17 JULY 2021

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Keynote speech via the following link:

<http://www.mlc.vic.edu.au/Chapel2021>

Order of Service

**Welcome and
Acknowledgement of Country**

Anne Turner (1988)
President, OCC

At Methodist Ladies' College we acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which our campuses are located and where we conduct our business.

We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hope of Indigenous Australians.

The MLC community engages respectfully with Australia's Indigenous people, culture and country and is committed to continuous learning in this area.

Traditional Custodian Groups

MLC Kew: Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation

MLC Marshmead: Bidawal people

MLC Banksia: Gurnai Kurnai people

Welcome to Our Worship Today

Rev'd Debra Saffrey-Collins
(Saffrey 1979) Past President, OCC,
Head of Chaplaincy and Diocesan
Partnerships, Brotherhood of St
Laurence

The Lord be with you,

All: and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made,

All: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Introduction

Debra

And so dear friends, as we join together, in faith,
we come together to meet with God, to give thanks for our College and our
Club and to take our part in the building up of his people.

We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,

hear from God's holy word,

and pray for this world, and for ourselves, as we say together –

Gracious God, we humbly thank you

for life and health and safety,

**For the opportunity given to each of us to have an education,
when others do not.**

We thank you for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.

**We praise you for Jesus and all holy teachers and prophets,
for the wisdom we know through them;**

for the gift of your Spirit;

and for the hope of sharing in your glory.

Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;

in your name we pray. Amen.

A sentence from Scripture:

Jesus said: Love the Lord Your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself (*Luke 10: 27*)

- Leader: And so together let us praise God the Creator,
All: who is filled with glory and power - with holiness and splendour; for you teach us to love our neighbour as ourself.

- Leader: Let us worship God the Saviour,
All: who is filled with love and compassion - with justice and peace; for you teach us to love our neighbour as ourself.

- Leader: Let us experience God the Spirit,
All: who fills us with faith and joy - with love and eternal life for you teach us to love our neighbour as ourself.

Amen.

Hymn: Tell Out My Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word –
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

**Melody: "Woodlands" by Walter Greatorex
Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith**

We Turn to God for Forgiveness and Renewal

Leader: Friends, We believe in a God of love and mercy,
who calls us to show this love to one another.
Therefore as we gather in community today,
it is good to begin by acknowledging our failure to love,
seeking forgiveness through God's boundless
goodness and mercy.

So, let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray for that
forgiveness saying together:

**All: Holy God,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our shortcomings
and turn away from them.
For the sake of all your people,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
and to share your love with all. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word A Prayer for the Day

Leader: Blessed Lord,
you have caused all holy scripture to be written for our learning:
grant that we may so hear them,
read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them,
that, by patience and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading

Luke Chapter 6

Vs: 1 – 23 and 27 – 38

Read by: Diana Vernon
Principal of the College

Response : May your Word live in us

All: and bear much fruit to your glory

Psalm 25: Vs 1- 10

Read by: Elida Brereton (1961)
Past President, OCC

Second Reading

Luke 10: 25 – 37

Read by: Penny Pavlou (1979)
Past President, OCC

Response : May your Word live in us

All: and bear much fruit to your glory

Silence for Meditation

We pause to reflect on the scriptures

Homily

Debra

The Offertory Introduction

Debra

As is our tradition during this service, today's offertory will be given to a particular project of the college. This year the OCC Council has chosen to support Blessing Bags, founded in 2015 by old collegian, Christine Semerdjian (2014) .

Meet Christine and hear a little about Blessing Bags and how you can support this wonderful project.

Blessing Bags

Christine Semerdjian (2014)

Blessing Bags is a volunteer run organisation that distributes bags of essentials to people experiencing homelessness right across Melbourne. Our bags contain body soap, a tooth brush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, sanitary items, deodorant, a muesli bar, and a note of encouragement. Since 2015 we have distributed over 10,000 bags across Melbourne, and in 2018, we created our policy and research arm. By helping the immediate needs of vulnerable Melbournians, and trying to create long-term systemic changes through policy advocacy, we hope that one day, homelessness will be a thing of the past in Melbourne, and in Australia.

You can support Blessing Bags by making a donation or by finding a designated drop off point through our website :

<https://www.blessingbagsmelbourne.com/donate-1>

We thank you for your generous gift.

Offertory Prayers of Thanksgiving

Leader: Holy God, today we remember with gratitude the many ways in which you touch and bless our lives.

Your holiness inspires us to be more holy; your love causes us to be more loving; your life in us brings to birth dreams and visions for a better and more just world.

We offer these gifts and our lives in thankfulness for all you have done and are doing in our lives. We give thanks for all those who are connected to Blessing Bags and we pray for Christine and her team, and especially for all those who are recipients of their care. All this we pray in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

A Time of Prayer:

Intercessions are led today by the Patron of our Club
Anne Scott OAM (Simpson 1957) Past President, OCC

Reader: The response to each prayer: 'God of Mercy '
is: "**Hear Our prayer**"

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Most Merciful God we offer all these prayers to you today confident in your love for us and in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, we pray to you as he has taught us :

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
you kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen.

Leader: Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

Hymn: Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,
Thanks for mercies past receive;
Pardon all, their faults confessing;
Time that's lost may all retrieve;

May Thy children
Ne'er again Thy Spirit grieve.
Bless Thou all our days of leisure;
Help us selfish lures to flee;
Sanctify our every pleasure;
Pure and blameless may it be;
May our gladness
Draw us evermore to Thee.

By Thy kindly influence cherish
All the good we here have gained;
May all taint of evil perish
By Thy mightier power restrained;
Seek we ever
Knowledge pure and love unfeigned.

Let Thy father-hand be shielding
All who here shall meet no more;
May their seed-time past be yielding
Year by year a richer store;
Those returning,
Make more faithful than before.

Melody: Joseph Barnaby
Words: Henry James Buckoll

Final Prayers

Debra

Dear Friends,

St Paul reminds us, neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8.38–39*

Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

All: His steadfast love endures for ever!

Prayer of Blessing:

Eternal God and Father,

by whose power we are created,

and by whose love we are redeemed:

Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,

that we may give ourselves to your service,

and live this day in love to one another

and to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

End of Service.

Keynote Speech

We welcome our special guest speaker Dr Jacqueline Ogeil (1986).

Dr Jacqueline Ogeil (B.Mus, B.Mus Ed, M.Mus, PhD) is an internationally respected artistic leader, performer and musicologist with over 20 years experience in education. Founder and Artistic Director of the highly acclaimed Woodend Winter Arts Festival, and Director of the baroque ensemble Accademia Arcadia (finalist for 2007 ARIA award in Classical Music). Ogeil performs on harpsichord, organ and fortepiano, and has released twelve CDs, including re-releases of Bach's *Goldberg Variations* on ABC Classics. Michael Leunig created the cover of her latest CD *Il Diavolo*. She is broadcast via the European Broadcasting Union, ABC Classic FM (where she has been twice featured as CD of the week) and on 3MBS. Her scholarly articles on Domenico Scarlatti have been published internationally. A copy of a Cristofori piano (c1730) was commissioned by her and supported by Dame Elisabeth Murdoch and is the only one of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. In 2014 she was a recipient of a Margaret Lawrence Bequest for Women in Arts Leadership, in 2015 was named by Westpac and the Financial Review as one of the 100 Women of Influence and in 2019 awarded an Australia Day Arts Ambassador Award from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

“In Dr. Ogeil I believe you have something of a national treasure.”

Edward L. Kottick, *Professor Emeritus, School of Music, The University of Iowa*. February 2008



Introduction

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President, OCC

Keynote Speech

Jacqueline Ogeil (1986)

Vote of Thanks and Introduction to the College Songs

Alex Waddell (2010)
Vice President, OCC

TRADITIONS

Old traditions play a part,
Greater than we know,
In our school life day by day
Strength'ning as they grow.
Year by year more firmly fixed,
In our hearts they live;
We will carry on the good
These traditions give.

Chorus

**Best of all, this school of ours,
Proudly now we sing
Deo Domuique,
Till the echoes ring**

Old traditions lived again
Each successive year,
Built on courage, faith and love,
Which we all may share.
Richer still our school will grow,
With a beauty rare,
If no word or deed of ours
Casts a shadow there.

Chorus

**Best of all, this school of ours, Proudly now we sing
Deo Domuique,
Till the echoes ring**

Old traditions truly great,

To our school they give
Present good and future hope,
Memories that live.
Linking old with new they stand,
Steadfastly and sure,
Loved and honoured they will be,
Held by us secure.

Chorus

**Best of all, this school of ours, Proudly now we sing
Deo Domuique,
Till the echoes ring**

**Melody: Audrey Walklate
Words: Barbara Marfleet**

**GOODBYE, OLD SCHOOL
(THE LEAVING SONG)**

We've laughed and talked, and worked and played,
As day by day went past,
And now we have to leave it all,
For school is o'er at last;
And we must join the fighting ranks
And see life's battle through,
But, oh, old school, we've loved you well;
Good-bye, good luck to you!

Chorus

**Good-bye, good luck, good-bye,
Good-bye, good luck to you!
But, oh, old school, we've loved you well;
Good-bye, good luck to you!**

But 'twasn't just for fun we had,
That we have loved you so;
'T'was how you taught us to see things
In ways we didn't know.
You showed us there were finer things
You trusted us to do;
And so you guided us aright.
Goodbye. Good luck to you!

Chorus

**Good-bye, good luck, good-bye, good luck,
Good-bye, good luck to you!
But, oh, old school, we've loved you well;
Good-bye, good luck to you!**

Goodbye, goodbye! Oh, don't forget
Us you have known so long!
Think of us in the coming years,
When things will oft go wrong;
We've loved your old traditions, and
They've often kept us true;
Old school, keep guard about us still.
Goodbye. Good luck to you.

Chorus

**Good-bye, good luck, good-bye, good luck,
Good-bye, good luck to you!
But, oh, old school, we've loved you well;
Good-bye, good luck to you**

**Melody: L.A.
Adamson
Arr. A.E. Floyd
Words: Phyllis
Sleeman**

Closing

Anne Turner (1988)
President OCC

Our Thanks

Thank you for viewing the OCC Annual Service and to all who participated in the service.

We would particularly like to thank Jacqueline Ogeil (1986) for her keynote speech.

We are also very grateful to the College Archivist, Stacey Coenders for sourcing all musical items that have appeared in this service.

Our sincere thanks go to The Reverend Debra Saffrey-Collins (1979) for her many years of commitment to our Annual Chapel service and for leading us in prayer today.

FORTHCOMING OCC EVENTS

Thursday, 19 August 2021 Online Microsoft Teams Live Event	OCC Young Alumnae Event 6.30pm start
Thursday, 30 September 2021 Nicholas Learning Centre, Level Four Methodist Ladies' College	OCC Celebration Event 7.00pm start
Monday, 11 October 2021	OCC Annual Golf Day 8.00am – 3.30pm