



**THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION
ACT BRANCH**

ANNUAL MULTI-FAITH OBSERVANCE

2.00 pm SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2019

MODERATED BY

Rt Rev'd Bishop Stephen Pickard

Theme

Together in Friendship

Chapel

Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

Charles Sturt University

15 Blackall Street Barton ACT



AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR
CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

WISDOM FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Acknowledgment of Country & Welcome

Mr Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM, Branch Chair

NATIONAL ANTHEM: 'Advance Australia Fair'

**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.**

Opening prayer - Bishop Stephen Pickard

Official Prayer and Dedication of the Order of Australia Association and Friends

(All stand and say together)

**We have come today to the Chapel at the
Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture to
worship God. Eternal source of creative
wisdom, we seek your blessing upon The Order
of Australia Association and its members and
the friends who join us today. Inspire us who
have been honoured by our nation for our**

contributions to society to work for a better world and to help others achieve their aspirations. Give us strength and wisdom to apply our skills and the will to continue to serve our nation to advance Australia. We are grateful for the recognition accorded for our services to our community, acknowledge that our talents and opportunities have been given to us by God and we pledge ourselves to genuinely care about the needs of others.

Above all, we dedicate ourselves to keeping Australia a land in which peoples' dignity is respected and their rights are safeguarded. We place these commitments in the hands of God ever reliant on his power in our lives but aware that the final responsibility is our own.

Song: For All We Pray

LORD, while for all mankind we pray,
Of every clime and coast,
O hear us for our native land,
The land we love the most.

2. Our fathers' sepulchres are here,
And here our kindred
Our children too; how should we love
Another land so well?

3. O guard our shores from every foe;
With peace our borders bless;
With prosperous times our cities crown,
Our fields with plenteousness.

4. Unite us in the sacred love
Of knowledge, truth, and thee;
And let our hills and valleys shout
The songs of liberty.

5. Lord of the nations, thus to thee
Our country we commend;
Be thou her refuge and her trust,
Her everlasting Friend.

(Church of Scotland Hymnal; John Wreford 1800-1881)

REFLECTION: Bishop Stephen Pickard

READINGS:

- **JEWISH TRADITION** - Rabbi Shmueli Feldman
Readings from the *Hebrew Scriptures*
- **MUSLIM TRADITION** - Dr Muhammed Aksu
Readings from the *Holy Quran*
- **BUDDHIST TRADITION** – Ven. Tenpa Bejanke Duim
Readings from the *teaching of the Buddha*

- **CHRISTIAN TRADITION** – Bishop Stephen Pickard
Reading from the New Testament
- **BAHA’I TRADITION** – Dr Natalie Mobini
Readings from writings of Bahá’u’lláh
- **HINDU TRADITION** - Mr Kanti Jinna OAM
Readings from the *Srimad Bhagavad Gita*

PRAYER: Bishop Stephen Pickard

The 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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

Remarks & Reminders: Branch Chairman, Mr Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM

Blessing: Bishop Stephen Pickard

HYMN: 'Lord of Earth and All Creation' (*Tune: "Westminster Abbey". 'The Bi-Centennial Hymn': Words Michael Thwaites AO 1915-2005 and Honor Thwaites 1914-1993. "Together in Song (TIS) 672"*)

**Lord of earth and all creation,
let your love possess this land:
wealth, and freedom, far horizons,
mountain, forest, shining sand:
may we share, in faith and friendship,
gifts unmeasured from your hand.**

**People of the ancient Dreamtime,
they who found this country first,
ask with those, the later comers,
will our dream be blessed or cursed?
Grant us Lord, new birth. New living,
hope for which our children thirst.**

**Lord, life giving healing Spirit,
on our hurts your mercy shower;
lead us by your inward dwelling,
guiding, guarding, every hour.
Bless and keep our land Australia:
In your will her peace and power.**

*After singing the final hymn we invite you to meet
with us for refreshments.*

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***To foster love of pride in Australian
citizenship and to uphold the high principles
and prestige of the Order of Australia***