**NAIDOC Week Liturgy 2012**

(Sacred space – Aboriginal, TSI & Aus Flags)

**Gathering song**

Instrumental indigenous music

**Welcome**

**Reader: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Today we recognise National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee or NAIDOC week. We acknowledge the deeply religious and spiritual traditions of our ancestors with respect. It was a week of celebrations throughout the nation where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people celebrated their spirituality, identity, culture and survival. We are all welcomed and encouraged to join in as we celebrate NAIDOC through our assembly prayer.

**Procession**

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**Opening Prayer: Aboriginal Our Father** (up on screen, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to lead)

We will say the Aboriginal Our Father together. Repeat after me.

You are our father, You live in heaven

We talk to you, Father you are good. (Repeat)

We believe your Word Father

We your children, give us bread today (Repeat)

We have done wrong, we are sorry.

Help us Father, not to sin again. (Repeat)

Others have done wrong to us

And we are sorry for them Father today (Repeat)

Stop us from doing wrong Father,

Save us all from the evil one (Repeat)

You are our Father, you live in heaven

We talk to you Father you are good. (Repeat)

*The Lord’s Prayer from the “Missa Kimberley”*

*Diocese of Broome, Western Australia.*

**READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20, 26-27 read by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

A reading from the letter of St Paul

Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts. In the same way, all of us, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether slaves or free, have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit, and we have all been given the one Spirit to drink.

For the body itself is not made up of only one part, but of many parts.If the foot were to say, “Because I am not a hand, I don't belong to the body,” that would not keep it from being a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, “Because I am not an eye, I don't belong to the body,” that would not keep it from being a part of the body. If the whole body were just an eye, how could it hear? And if it were only an ear, how could it smell? As it is, however, God put every different part in the body just as he wanted it to be. There would not be a body if it were all only one part! As it is, there are many parts but one body.

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness. All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

**Reflection:** We are Australian slideshow

**Prayers of the Faithful**

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As we acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pray for our families and communities, let us be open to the Holy Spirit as we seek God’s peace and justice.

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For all peoples and nations of the earth: that God’s vision for the world will guide them in all they say and do. Lord, hear us

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

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For all Elders guiding our communities: that they maintain their vision, wisdom and strength to grow our young ones. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**.

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For all who work for peace and justice: that they will reaffirm their commitment to walk with our indigenous sisters and brothers on the journey of healing. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

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For all the peoples of Australia: that their hearts be open and ready to preserve the livelihood of Indigenous cultures and to foster an inclusive, multicultural Australia. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

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For all people who are separated from their loved ones: that families and communities will welcome and support those who are isolated and alone. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

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For all the Indigenous peoples who have cared for the land: that they may be strengthened to work together to preserve this country’s fragile environment. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

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**Reconciliation Prayer read by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Holy Father, God of Love

You are the Creator of this land and all good things

We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history

And the suffering of our peoples.

And we ask your forgiveness.

We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures

Our hope is in you because you gave your son Jesus

To reconcile the world to you.

We pray for your strength and grace to forgive,

Accept and love one another,

As you love us and forgive and accept us

In the sacrifice of your Son.

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history

So that we may build a better future for our nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures.

Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land.

Help us to bring about spiritual and social change

To improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities,

Especially the disadvantaged.

Help our young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit

May your power and love be the foundations

on which we build our families, our communities and our Nation.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen