



Coming of The Light resources for churches Anglican Church Southern Queensland

The Coming of The Light marks the day the London Missionary Society and Melanesian Christians brought the Bible to the Torres Strait. The missionaries landed at Erub (Darnley Island) on 1 July 1871, introducing Christianity to the region. This is a significant day for Torres Strait Islanders, who are predominantly of Christian faith. Religious and cultural ceremonies across the Torres Strait and mainland Australia are held annually on 1 July.

Here are a few ideas about how you might celebrate the Coming of The Light in your church on Friday 1 July (or on Sunday 3 July):

- Pray the Coming of the Light Prayer
**O Christ the Light of the World,
We thank you that your light shines among us.
Draw us ever closer to you
So that free from sin
We may show forth the light of your glory in the world.
Amen**
- Use the [liturgy](#) for the Coming of the Light produced by the Diocese of North Queensland for the 150th Anniversary of the Coming of the Light based upon the Second Order of Holy Communion from A Prayer Book for Australia. Use of this order of service (in part or full) in the Diocese of Brisbane is authorised by the Archbishop for celebrating the Coming of the Light.
- Show a [video](#) of the Lord's Prayer in Kalaw Kawaw Ya.
- Show a [video](#) of the Coming of the Light prayer in Kalaw Kawaw Ya.
- Display the Torres Strait Islander [flag](#) inside or outside your church.
- Decorate your church with the [colours](#) of the Torres Strait Islander flag (blue, green, black and white)
- Publish [information](#) about the Coming of the Light in your pew bulletin or social media pages.
- Learn more about the Coming of the Light. The following five part [video study](#) was developed by ABM for the 150th Anniversary of the Coming of the Light.
- Invite local Torres Strait Islander elders and leaders to speak to your community (contact 13 QGOV to find a representative in your region).