

Eden Uniting Worship Service

October 3, 2021

Theme: God of all

Call to Worship

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Matthew 11:28-30

God is spirit,
and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ John 4:24

Opening Song - SONG 1 - How Great Thou Art

https://youtu.be/CIZ_l8IYBR8

Prayer of Invocation

Universe maker, earth creator, breath of life for all people;
we come in wonder and in expectation.
It is our prayer today that we will see you at work
in the glories of the heavens and the wonders of creation.
It is our prayer today that we will see your work in the faces and hand of
each other and in even the smallest of kindnesses.
It is our prayer that we appreciate your character and mission more
through your word and prayer. Amen.

Prayer of Confession *Let us pray:*

Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed:
we have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Acknowledgement of Country
St Georges Uniting Church, Eden
acknowledges that we are on the
traditional lands of Aboriginal people.
We pay respect to the Yuin people,
especially to their elders past and
present, and recognise the continuing
gift of their culture to the life and
spirit of Australia.

Words of Assurance

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.

1 Timothy 1:15

Ministry of God’s Word

Prayer for the hearing of God’s word

O Lord our God, you have given your word
to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Grant us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
that we may be obedient to your will
and live always for your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 8

For the choir director: A psalm of David, to be accompanied by a stringed instrument.

- 1 O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!
Your glory is higher than the heavens.
- 2 You have taught children and infants
to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you.
- 3 When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in place—
- 4 what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?
- 5 Yet you made them only a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honour.
- 6 You gave them charge of everything you made,
putting all things under their authority—
- 7 the flocks and the herds and all the wild animals,
- 8 the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,
and everything that swims the ocean currents.
- 9 O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

Children’s Talk - Lyn

Song after the talk - Here I am Lord - John Michael Talbot -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFFhZM4rn-c>

Bible readings continue - from Genesis 2:18-24 & Mark 10:2-16

Sermon - Paul

Affirmation of Faith -

We are not alone

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

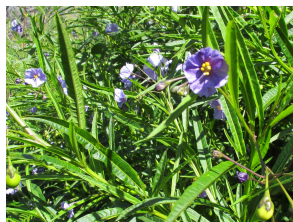
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

God of all that is,
God of the supernova and the atom, God of the sea and the sky,
God of all, we know ourselves to be an intricate part of your whole
creation. We know this and yet we so often find it hard to experience our
oneness with all that is. Today we pray especially for those of us who feel
ourselves alienated from your world,
from each other and from you.

We know that deep loneliness and alienation is the experience of so many
of us. We know that many of us experience life as if we were observers
and not participants, as visitors and not as residents.

God, may we be sensitive to the aloneness of so many of us.
May we seek to build bridges between human beings close by and far
away. May we seek ways of living in harmony with all of creation.
May we open ourselves to the truth that you are all around us,
always alongside us and continually within us. Amen.



(Intercessions conclude with the Lord's Prayer)

**Our Father in Heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

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Let us be full participants in God's creation that is filled with possibility
and hope everywhere we look. Let us give ourselves to the life of God!
Offertory Prayer

God, all that we have, all that is,
is a never ceasing, always giving gift of life. Your nature is to give.
As we learn to give, we become like you.
In this giving we open ourselves to you. Amen.

Commissioning and Benediction

The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

**** Concluding Song - Lord of all hopefulness**
<https://youtu.be/b8mti7VL3gg>