

Eden Uniting Worship Service

10 October, 2021

**Theme -
Nothing is hidden. Nothing.**

Call to Worship

In the morning and in the evening,
You are present with us God of all.
At dawn your sun wakes the earth.
At noon the world is filled with light.
At nightfall the moon and stars shine.
The universe is filled with your energy!
We pray that you will make us aware of you today.

Opening Song - Rock of Ages -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESPmCs6AHhg>

Prayer of Invocation

God, we need never call for your presence with us, you have been with us and in us and around us since before the creation of the world.
Today we seek not your presence but our awareness of that presence, knowing that you long for us to know you as we are known by you.
May today be a day we live tall in the all-surrounding energy of God!
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

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

We are known.

We are known as we are, and we are loved.

God welcomes us to be God's community together in God's presence.

Rejoice and be glad. Rejoice and be glad!

Ministry of the Word

Bible reading - Psalm 22:1-8

Plea for Deliverance from Suffering and Hostility

To the leader: according to The Deer of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

3 Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

4 In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

6 But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

7 All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

8 "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

Kid's Talk - Pat Coates

Song - Worms - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pqt4yBWkLI8>

Bible readings continue -

Sermon - Leone Fairweather

Notices

Prayer of Intercession - Michael

(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

Offertory Sentence & Prayer

God, the giver of truth, gives us courage to give life to each other. Let us do so with joy.

God of all living,

we bring ourselves and our gifts to you, the great giver of all life.

May we use our gifts wisely, justly, compassionately, and joyfully. Amen.

The Service of the Lord's Supper - Michael

Concluding Song - Refiner's Fire - <https://youtu.be/9Y8zP34AhuU>

Commissioning and Benediction

The Psalmist says, 'teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.'

Teach us God. We are your students.

The Psalmist says, 'Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.'

Remind us God that you fill us with good things this day and all days.

In your name we go. Amen. Amen.