

Eden Uniting Worship Service

31 October 2021

Theme:

'you shall love the Lord
your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind, and with all your strength. Mark 12:28-34

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.

Call to Worship

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one! Hear,
O Australia: the Lord our God, the Lord is one!
Hear, O Australia. Hear the truth of God.
Hear the truth of oneness. Hear and know. Hear and live.
Hear the truth of our lives: We are one.
Thanks be to God Thanks be to God.

Opening Song of Praise - Sing of the Lord's goodness.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzTXI_jA-XQ

Prayer of Invocation

Come to us, O God of surprising grace. Break into the places in our
lives which we think are not worthy of your entry, and show us the
measure of your love for us. Break through into newness in all our life
together, O God, in the wonder of your transforming presence. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
We confess that we had, and continue, to stray from your way of love.
We are misled by pride - for we see ourselves great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored your truth.
We even fail ourselves - for we see ourselves as without value when in
truth we are of immense value. We are made in your image. Loved so
much that Jesus Christ came to seek and to save the lost.
Thank you for your mercy. *Continued on page 2*

Prayer of Confession - *Continued from page 1*

O God, we seek your mercy again today -
Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of
righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. AMEN

Words of Assurance from Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.
He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.
He does not punish us for all our sins;
he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.
For his unfailing love toward those who fear him
is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.
He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

Psalm of Praise - Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Let all that I am praise the Lord.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.

Don't put your confidence in powerful people;

there is no help for you there.

When they breathe their last, they return to the earth,

and all their plans die with them.

But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper,

whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.

He keeps every promise forever.

He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

The Lord frees the prisoners.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down.

The Lord loves the godly.

The Lord protects the foreigners among us.

He cares for the orphans and widows,

but he frustrates the plans of the wicked. *(Continued on page 3)*

Psalm of Praise - Psalm 146 - (Continued from page 2)

The Lord will reign forever.

He will be your God, O Jerusalem, throughout the generations.

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Ministry of the Word - Bible Reading - Mk 12:28-34

Kid's Talk - Petra

Song - Kneels at the feet of his friends

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jX3T5sL0pzY>

Video - Knit for Climate Action - Thank you Brooke Prentis

<https://www.facebook.com/commongraceaus/videos/178668087755176/>

More Bible Readings - Ruth 1:1-18 & Hebrews 9:11-14

Sermon - Michael

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song to introduce prayer - Brother, sister, let me serve you

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttW9oQ-yiuU>

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION - led by Marie Welsh

Today, God of all, we pray for those among us who have learnt not to give themselves to life in heart, soul and mind.

Those of us who hide our true selves away from others because of the hurt we have experienced from those who should have loved us and welcomed us unconditionally.

We pray for those who hide themselves even from themselves, those who are frightened of discovering the bright light and the deep darkness that they know is deep in their souls.

We pray for the day when none of us will have to hide our true selves from each other or ourselves, for the day when we can experience the true depths of our own heart, souls and minds and then truly know what it means to be the children of the God who made the universe. Amen.

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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Commissioning and Benediction