

## Eden Uniting Worship Service

**28 November 2021**

Theme - A life free of fear

**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

God calls us to faith : **God calls us to Life.**

God calls us to hope : **God calls us to Life.**

God calls us to love : **God calls us to Life.**

Let us live faith, hope and love on this day.

Song 1 - Cornerstone

Song 2 - 10,000 Reasons

### Prayer of Confession

O Lord, I give my life to you.

I trust in you, my God!

Do not let me be disgraced,

or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.

No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced,

but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others.

Show me the right path, O Lord;

point out the road for me to follow.

Lead me by your truth and teach me,

for you are the God who saves me.

All day long I put my hope in you.

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and unfailing love,  
which you have shown from long ages past.**

**Do not remember the rebellious sins of my youth.**

**Remember me in the light of your unfailing love,  
for you are merciful, O Lord.**

### Words of Assurance

The Lord is good and does what is right;

he shows the proper path to those who go astray.

He leads the humble in doing right,

teaching them his way.

The Lord leads with unfailing love and faithfulness

all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.

### 1st Bible Reading - Jeremiah 33:14-16

14 The Lord said: I made a wonderful promise to Israel and Judah, and the days are coming when I will keep it.

15 I promise that the time will come when I will appoint a king

from the family of David, a king who will be honest and rule with justice.

16 In those days, Judah will be safe; Jerusalem will have peace and will be named, "The Lord Gives Justice."

Children's Talk - Leone Fairweather

Song - Be strong and Courageous

### 2nd Bible Reading - Luke 21:25-36

25 "And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides. 26 People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

27 Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory. 28 So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!"

29 Then he gave them this illustration: "Notice the fig tree, or any other tree. 30 When the leaves come out, you know without being told that summer is near. 31 In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that the Kingdom of God is near. 32 I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these

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things have taken place. **33** Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

**34** “Watch out! Don’t let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don’t let that day catch you unaware, **35** like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. **36** Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man.”

Sermon - A life free of fear - Michael Palmer

### **Song - Here I am to worship**

#### **Notices**

*The Offertory - A Retiring Offertory opportunity is located at the door otherwise please consider making your offertory by Direct Debit to  
Account Name – St Georges UC-General  
BSB Number – 641 800      mAccount Number – 200354335*

#### **Offertory Sentence**

Jesus said: ‘Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’ The work we do here, the money that we give here, becomes part of the eternal work of God.

#### **Offertory Prayer**

God of infinite grace and love,  
we bring ourselves and our resources seeking not to be afraid but to live as people of your good, abundant and generous kingdom. May what we bring be used for joy and love. In the name of Christ. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Intercession**

God, Jesus told his followers to:

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life. What might have been difficult for Jesus’s followers in the poor villages and towns of ancient Palestine is, for us in the modern west, almost unavoidable! (Continued on page 4)

#### **Prayer of Intercession -**

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We live in a culture specifically designed to encourage and promote dissipation the continual pursuit of pleasure, of experience and of the good life.

We are inundated with opportunities for drunkenness and other ways of taking ourselves out of the truth of the world and into unreality and wishful thinking.

We pray for those of us in the grip of addictions to substances, to fantasy worlds, to consumption, to glamour, or to diminishing pleasures. We pray for those of us weary and weighed down with the constant need for stimulation and activity, or for novelty. We pray today, God of truth, for the courage and clarity our culture needs to live in truth and not in a dream world. 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**

#### **Commissioning and Benediction from 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

For how can we thank God enough for you, for all the joy we feel because of you before our God? We pray earnestly night and day to see you in person and make up what may be lacking in your faith. Now may God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we do for you, so that your hearts are strengthened in holiness to be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Concluding Song - Joy to the World - <https://youtu.be/k7iPgWgeNsk>