

## **Eden Uniting Worship Service**

Sunday 24 May, 2020

**Theme - And this is eternal life..**

Welcome everyone :)

### **Call to Worship**

Come and lift your voice,  
sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
for our God is holy and  
good. God gives us a home  
and leads us out of our imprisonment.

**Today we sing to God**

**lift our voices and hearts  
to the one who restores and  
renews in whose goodness we  
are found.**

**Song 1 - Lord I lift your name on high-**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tWSu9NAFIk>

### **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God,  
we confess that often when we consider  
eternal life,  
we see it as something that is to be  
earned,  
not as a freely given gift.  
Gracious God,  
Free us from our misguidance  
that we might experience the eternal life  
of your presence here and now.  
In Christ we pray. 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 belong to God,  
Christ has named us as his  
own and those who belong to  
Christ have eternal life.

**In Christ we are given freedom here  
and now. Thanks be to God!**

### **PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING**

Awesome God,  
we give thanks for your presence in all the earth.  
You are like the rain that comes  
showering down from the heavens  
and bringing life to the parched earth.  
You give the desolate a place to live and bring release to prisoners.  
You cause joy to bubble up within your people as we look to the horizon  
and see there a vision of your kingdom.  
May all the kingdoms of the earth  
sing praises to your name.  
In praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

**Listen- Vagopond- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s27D7M8biuI>**

### **The Receiving of God's Word**

A 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.*

Bible readings - Please read Acts 1:6-14 & John 17:1-11  
( links to the passages you find in the email)

## **Song 2 - Incarnate One-**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPOh\\_0cV5Es](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPOh_0cV5Es)

(chosen from National Reconciliation Week Service 2020)

## **Sermon - 'And this is eternal life...' - A sermon by Peter Skelton**

### **Affirmation of Faith - 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, *'catholic' means 'universal'*  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Song 3 - Prayer of Peace-**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cw0gMW6gk0w>

### **Prayers of Intercession**

God of Grace,  
we look to your love and light  
to shine in our lives and our world.  
We cast all our worries upon you:

the state of world politics;  
the effects of climate change;  
the growing disparity between rich and poor;  
the prevalence of violence in homes;  
the increase in mental illness;  
the upcoming National Reconciliation Week;  
the difference and apathy in our world.  
We cast these anxieties upon you knowing that you care for us all.  
Give us courage in the face of fear.  
Help us to be agents of change and love  
that we might be steadfast in faith  
as you are steadfast in faithfulness.  
Hold us in your light and heal our wounds.  
In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

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**

**Concluding Song - You'll never walk alone - Virtual choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gpoJNv5dlQ>

### **Commissioning and Benediction**

To know God is to know eternal life.

May God gather us up to be the people of love,  
who walk this life as a people who have already entered eternal life.

Go in the knowledge and the peace of God's love.

In the name of the three-in-one who is life itself. **Amen.**