

## **Eden Uniting Worship Service**

Sunday 31 May, 2020  
**Pentecost Sunday**

**Theme - Peace be with you**

### **Call to Worship**

The God of all calls us together.  
We gather in various places but  
we are united in worship.

We worship not because God needs us to worship  
but we come in response to God's life amongst us.

We worship to give glory to God and  
to celebrate God's presence in all the earth. Let us worship!

### **Opening Song - Come Holy Spirit**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bToCXRGsKJ4>

### **Prayer of Invocation**

Spirit of wonder, you move in our hearts as we gather today.  
Where we are closed-minded, free us. Where we are in need, heal us.  
Where we are anxious, give us peace. Lead us in our worship, we pray.  
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**

Jesus brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far  
away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. Now all of us can  
come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ  
has done for us. So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and  
foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people.  
You are members of God's family. *Ephesians 2:17-19*

### **Song in response to Prayer of Confession**

#### **Refiner's Fire**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Y8zP34AhuU>

### **A Prayer in preparation for the hearing of God's word**

O Lord,  
from generation to generation we have praised your name.  
For you have given us life in abundance  
and the joy of all things great and small.  
You have opened your hand and filled our lives with good things.  
You have sent forth your spirit and renewed the face of the earth.  
Above all, you have come here and dwelt among us,  
becoming one of us that we might know you better.  
By you Spirit of renewal, enable us to receive your word,  
understand its meaning and to apply it to our lives.  
May your name be glorified. Amen.

### **Bible Readings**

Please read 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 & John 20:19-23

### **Song - Enemy of Apathy**

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

Bible Talk - Peace be with you - by Michael Palmer -  
<https://youtu.be/2334BEbYsbg>

### **Song after the Sermon - words found on the top of page 3 Gifts of the Spirit**

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

**Gifts of the Spirit** by John Bell and the Iona Community

When our Lord walked the earth,  
All the world found its worth;  
As declared at his birth,  
God became our neighbour, Granting, with his favour,  
*Chorus Power to speak and heal, Grace to know what's real,  
Wisdom, insight and faith, Love and understanding.*

Through his life, through his death,  
Through each gesture and breath,  
Jesus joined faith and deed,  
Model for our caring, Showing and yet sharing *Chorus*

Jesus loves all his friends  
And that love never ends;  
To his Church gifts he sends  
Through the Holy Spirit. These we still inherit: *Chorus*

Sing and smile and rejoice,  
Clap your hands, raise your voice;  
For, with unnerving choice,  
God, in Christ, has found us And displays around us *Chorus*

**Intercessions**

A Prayer as we rededicate our lives to God

Loving God, may the gifts of our hearts and hands give you glory.  
Receive them, we pray. Use these gifts and our lives  
to give peace to the world. Amen.

A General Prayer of Intercession

Generous God, you give us the gift of your peace.

**Help us to be instruments of peace in your world.**

In places of violence and hatred: where countries are at war; where  
people are divided; or where children are uncertain,  
give us the gift of your peace,

**Help us to be instruments of peace in your world.**

*(Prayer continued on page 4)*

A General Prayer of Intercession - continued from page 3

In places of fear and pain: in the loneliness of depression;  
in the anxiety of the waiting; in the suffering of poverty;  
give us the gift of your peace,

**Help us to be instruments of peace in your world.**

In our daily living: in our families, in our communities,  
in our homes and our workplaces, teach us to love as you love,  
give us the gift of your peace,

**Help us to be instruments of peace in your world.**

The peace that we receive and offer is not our own,  
it comes from the breath of God  
who brings us renewal and new life. For this gift we give thanks.  
**Amen.**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

God breaks in and offers peace  
even when we are afraid or unsure about life.  
God sends us out to offer peace and forgiveness,  
instruments of grace and love.  
May we go and let this be our life's calling and our life's way.  
Go in the peace of Christ, the love of God,  
and the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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**The Blessing - Canada** *(Lets receive this as a Blessing for Eden as well)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSuwlEaQi54>

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A golden oldie for Pentecost .....

Rushing Wind by Keith Green

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8k8Tso2A6c>