

Eden Uniting Worship Service

Sunday 07 June, 2020

Trinity Sunday

Theme - The holiness of God

Call to Worship

This day we gather in the name of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - three in one and one in three.

Let us worship God the creator,

Christ the saviour of the world, and the Spirit – bringer of life.

May God bring us to new horizons; Christ shape us into his likeness; and the Spirit renew our courage to serve. Let us worship together.

Revelation 4:8-11

[And round the throne of God are four living creatures] each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—

the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.”

Whenever the living beings give glory and honour and thanks to the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever), the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say,

“You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honour and power. For you created all things,

and they exist because you created what you pleased.”

Opening Song - Holy Holy Holy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYEiY9JfUR8>

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.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we turn to you in hope and expectation.

We are aware how often we miss the mark in our living.

We are sorry for careless words that hurt others and undermine our witness to your love. We seek your forgiveness for missing so many opportunities to serve in the way of Christ.

We know how often our eyes are on our own needs and desires rather than serving your mission and purposes.

We repent that we so often join the chorus of division rather than living out your gospel of reconciliation. Help us to think with your wisdom, to act with your mercy and grace, and to be people who shine with justice and truth. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

In Christ, God came to open the ways to abundant and eternal life.

This is our inheritance: to be people of forgiveness. Our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer before the hearing of God's Word

Holy, holy, holy God, three in one and one in three,

come in the fullness of your being to guide us in our reading of and reflection on your word. Open our hearts and minds to your presence. Centre us in the teachings of Christ, the wisdom of your Spirit and the renewing of your grace. Amen.

Bible Readings - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13/14 & Matthew 28:16-30

Song - Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94I07YCeQBs>

Sermon - Michael Palmer - 'Greet one another with a Holy Kiss' (The Holiness of God)

<https://youtu.be/1m8opGUsCxc>

Song - Brother Sister Let me serve you

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iq5kdohfUw>

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.

The Intercessions

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, take what we offer in hands and hearts and resources to extend your mission of reconciliation throughout the world. In the name of Christ. Amen.

General Prayers

Merciful God,
we come before you with our prayers for others that are the yearnings of our hearts. We pray for all those known to us who seek healing of body, mind and spirit. We believe that every life is precious in your sight, and know your grace is always present to save. Hear us now as we bring our prayers for those in need.
(Silent prayer or prayer with your gathered your family/friends)

(Prayers continue on page 4)

Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace,
we pray for our world in all its trauma and pain. We pray for children whose lives are threatened daily. We pray for places where life is unbearable because of poverty, disease and drought and floods. We pray for peace.

(Silent prayer or prayer with your gathered your family/friends)

Holy Spirit,
gifting and empowering your people, help the Church to be strong and faithful, willing to serve and not to count the cost, prepared to speak in the name of Christ and to be a means of hope and health.

(Silent prayer or prayer with your gathered your family/friends)

God our saviour, as we have offered these prayers,
show us where and how we can share in their answering. 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

As we go, may we be empowered to be bearers of truth, creators of justice, and sources of light and hope, that in all things, God may be glorified.
May God the creator lead us in love,
Christ, the saviour of the world, grant us freedom for living and the Holy Spirit guide us in all wisdom. Amen.

Concluding Song - Holy Holy Holy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwuDSw-9cUQ>