

## Eden Uniting Worship Service

Sunday 21 June, 2020

### Theme - Even the hairs

### Call to Worship

‘Come to me,  
all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’ *Matthew 11:28-30*

### Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, who knows us by name, who restores the troubled soul and keeps us firm in faith, help us to be fully aware of your presence here with us now. Grant us a clear vision of all we are called to be. In the name of Christ. Amen.

### Opening Song - Morning Has broken by Cat Stevens

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=we-n-ZmglT0>

### 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.**

### Assurance of God’s Welcome to us and God’s Peace for us

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

### 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.

### Song of Praise - Sing Songs (Psalm 68) - The Psalm Project

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uihzbujmr1k>

### Ministry 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 - Romans 6:1b-11 & Matthew 10:24-39

### Song - This is my Father’s World by Amy Grant (Words below)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3ZVL0LMRMw>

This is my father's world

And to my listening ears

All nature sings,

and round me rings

The music of the spheres

This is my father's world

The birds their carols raise

The morning bright,

the lily white

Declare their maker's praise

This is my father's world

He shines in all that's fair

In the rustling grass

I hear him pass

He speaks to me everywhere

This is my father's world

Oh, let me never forget

That though the wrong

seems oft so strong

God is the ruler yet

This is my father's world

Why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is king,

let the heavens ring

God reigns, let the earth be glad

### Talk - Even the Hairs by Michael Palmer

[https://youtu.be/IRAbNv\\_F684](https://youtu.be/IRAbNv_F684)

## 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 - Beauty for Brokenness by Graham Kendrick

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MO1G-o7Yj-c>

### Prayer of Intercession

God of all goodness,  
We bring time, talents and finances, which first came to us from your  
kindness, may they bring justice, restore hope and share your love.

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

God our creator and salvation, in humility we bring the concerns of our  
hearts, seeking your blessing and healing wherever it is needed.

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Where the cries of the poor goes unheeded and life is lived precariously:

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Where people live in despair because of war, violence, hopelessness and  
abuse: **O Lord, hear our prayer.** *(Intercessions continue on page 4)*

## Intercessions continued from page 3

Where, this day, disease overwhelms, death is drawing near, or  
depression confounds: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Wherever fear prevents us from living out the fullness of the Good  
News: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Where peace, whether physical or emotional or relational, seems an  
impossible dream: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Where the earth is threatened because of human stupidity and lack of  
care: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we believe that in Christ healing is ever possible; hope  
can be restored; that justice can be achieved and life enriched. So we  
pray that our hearts and the hearts of all may be turned to you and  
experience your salvation, **O Lord, hear our prayer. 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

Though the world be against us, we need not fear, for Christ is our  
strength, God's loving embrace will hold us firm and the power of the  
Spirit will always equip us. So let us go to love generously and serve  
courageously. And may God's love fill us; Christ's truth be upon our  
lips; and the Holy Spirit be our guide, this day, and forever more. Amen.

## Concluding Song - Indescribable - Chris Tomlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IIVfkY5q54>