

## Eden Uniting Worship Service

Sunday 26 July 2020

**THEME:** What a surprise

**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.

[A suitable song will be quietly on repeat as people gather for worship -  
this week - Speak Oh Lord - by Keith & Kristyn Getty  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubRIJj8xkds> ]

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**God is spirit, and those who worship him must  
worship in spirit and truth.' John 4:24**

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.**

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

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one  
another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms,  
hymns, and spiritual songs to God. Colossians 3:16

### Song of Thanksgiving - This is amazing Graze

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DaBdWio&list=RDSsSG\\_eEyP04&index=17](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WO1-DaBdWio&list=RDSsSG_eEyP04&index=17)

### Ministry of God's Word

*(A Kid's Talk will only be included if Children are present -  
Activity sheets are available.)*

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

A Reading from Matthew - Pat to select a parable to include for the Kid's  
talk from Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)

### Romans 8:26-30

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't  
know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us  
with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who  
knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for  
us believers in harmony with God's own will. And we know that God  
causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God  
and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his  
people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his  
Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And having  
chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he  
gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right  
standing, he gave them his glory.

### Psalm 128

How joyful are those who fear the Lord— all who follow his ways!

You will enjoy the fruit of your labor.

How joyful and prosperous you will be!

Your wife will be like a fruitful grapevine,

flourishing within your home.

Your children will be like vigorous young olive trees

as they sit around your table. (Psalm 2 continues on page 3)

## Psalm 2

continued from page 3

That is the Lord's blessing for those who fear him.

May the Lord continually bless you from Zion.

May you see Jerusalem prosper as long as you live.

May you live to enjoy your grandchildren.

May Israel have peace!

## Bible Dialogue - What a Surprise by Michael Palmer

Song - Soon very soon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxarZBxK0iQ>

## Prayers of Intercession

(A time of gathering prayer requests and then general prayer may proceed or replace the following prayer. Our prayer time will conclude with the Lord's prayer.)

Generous God,

all our lives we are foragers and fossickers, searchers and seekers.

As we live out our days we are always on the lookout for what will bring us a joyous and rich life.

Help us to recognise what is of true value.

May we be so familiar with what is good that we will not be fooled by bright trinkets that are shiny but fake, or tricked by a forged masterpiece.

Let us not be the people who try to palm junk off as treasure.

Help us to be people who look for treasure in what looks like junk,

to be the people who will put in the time

to restore a tired old thing back to its unique beauty.

May we be the people who are prepared to study and investigate and probe your Word to find treasure that is not yet known and riches that may have been overlooked.

May we add value to our community

and the good creation in which we are privileged to live. Amen.

*(Intercessions continue on page 4)*

**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**

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundant giving,

may the gifts we offer today of our time and efforts and material resources be a treasure trove of kindness that is opened and shared for your Kingdom concerns of Faith, Hope and Love.

May our gifts bring joy and gladness to those who receive them.

We offer all we have, as followers of the Christ. Amen.

## Concluding Song - Be the Moon - by Chris Tomlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sejv8a->

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## COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Let us go from worship today knowing there is always treasure to be found. May we take the time to have a look, rummage around in curious places, examine things that catch our eye and celebrate the wonderful things to be found.

May God surprise us with grace along the way.

May Christ be ever our companion.

May the Holy Spirit grant us wisdom. **Amen.**