

**Eden Uniting
Worship Service
Sunday 4th Oct. 2020**

Theme - Cornerstones count

Gathering Music -

His eye is on the sparrow -
The idea of North

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 11:28-30 - '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.'

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

Prayer of Invocation

Come to us, O God of surprising grace.

Break into the places in our lives which we think are not worthy of your entry, and show us the measure of your love for us.

Break through into newness in all our life together, O God, in the wonder of your transforming presence. **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

The mercy of God is everlasting. If we turn in faith, God will forgive and restore us. We live in the light of God, forgiven and free.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Service of the Word

Psalm 19:7-10 used as a prayer before the readings

The Law of the Lord is perfect; it gives us new life.

His teachings last forever,

and they give wisdom to ordinary people.

The Lord's instruction is right; it makes our hearts glad.

His commands shine brightly, and they give us light.

Worshiping the Lord is sacred; he will always be worshiped.

All of his decisions are correct and fair.

They are worth more than the finest gold

and are sweeter than honey from a honeycomb.

1st Bible Reading - Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

God said to the people of Israel:

I am the Lord your God, the one who brought you out of Egypt where you were slaves. Do not worship any god except me.

Do not make idols that look like anything in the sky or on earth or in the ocean under the earth.

Do not misuse my name. I am the Lord your God, and I will punish anyone who misuses my name.

Remember that the Sabbath Day belongs to me. You have six days when you can do your work,

Respect your father and your mother, and you will live a long time in the land I am giving you.

Do not murder.

Be faithful in marriage.

Do not steal.

Do not tell lies about others.

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1st Bible Reading - continuedExodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Do not want anything that belongs to someone else. Don't want anyone's house, wife or husband, slaves, oxen, donkeys or anything else.

The people trembled with fear when they heard the thunder and the trumpet and saw the lightning and the smoke coming from the mountain. They stood a long way off and said to Moses, "If you speak to us, we will listen. But don't let God speak to us, or we will die!" "Don't be afraid!" Moses replied. "God has come only to test you, so that by obeying him you won't sin."

A Talk for Children and all ages - from Petra Palmer

2nd Bible Reading - Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus told the chief priests and leaders to listen to this story:

A land owner once planted a vineyard. He built a wall around it and dug a pit to crush the grapes in. He also built a lookout tower. Then he rented out his vineyard and left the country.

When it was harvest time, the owner sent some servants to get his share of the grapes. But the renters grabbed those servants. They beat up one, killed one, and stoned one of them to death. He then sent more servants than he did the first time. But the renters treated them in the same way. Finally, the owner sent his own son to the renters, because he thought they would respect him. But when they saw the man's son, they said, "Someday he will own the vineyard. Let's kill him! Then we can have it all for ourselves." So they grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Jesus asked, "When the owner of that vineyard comes, what do you suppose he will do to those renters?"

The chief priests and leaders answered, "He will kill them in some horrible way. Then he will rent out his vineyard to people who will give him his share of grapes at harvest time."

Jesus replied, "You surely know that the Scriptures say, 'The stone that the builders tossed aside is now the most important stone of all. This is something the Lord has done, and it is amazing to us.'

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I tell you that God's kingdom will be taken from you and given to people who will do what he demands. Anyone who stumbles over this stone will be crushed, and anyone it falls on will be smashed to pieces." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard these stories, they knew that Jesus was talking about them. So they looked for a way to arrest Jesus. But they were afraid to, because the people thought he was a prophet.

Bible Talk - Cornerstones count - by Leone Fairweather

Song after Talk - Cornerstone - by Hillsong on line

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOLy0xk6_MQ

Offertory Sentence & Prayer

Let us respond to the goodness of God with our gifts of thanksgiving. Receive our gifts, O God, and with them the dedication of our lives, we pray. Amen.

Intercessions & The Lord's Prayer

Commissioning and Benediction

Let us go to live in the light, that God may be honoured.

Let us go to live with justice that the gospel of Christ might be realised.

Let us go in the power of the Spirit,

that we may serve God's mission of reconciliation.

May the love of God be in our hearts,

the truth of Christ be upon our lips and the power of the Spirit be in our service, this day and forever. Amen.

Sending Music - The Galilee Man by

Tim Neufeld and the glory boys

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pjm3iU83_m4