

**Eden Uniting Church**  
Worship Service  
Sunday 26 July 2020

**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.

**THEME**

Straight paths indeed.

**Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-11

Call to worship & Prayer of invocation

**Song 1: The King of Glory**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiRXP9peUe4>

**Reading:** Psalm 85: 1-13

**Kids Talk:** Michael

**Song 2: Father Welcomes all his Children**

*Start with refrain*

Father welcomes all his children to his family through his Son.  
Father giving his salvation, life forever has been won.

1. Little children, come to me, for my kingdom is of these;  
life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin. *Refrain*

2. In the water, in the word, in his promise be assured:  
those who are baptised and believe shall be born again. *Refrain*

3. Let us daily die to sin, let us daily rise with him —  
walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.

*Refrain*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtrxdAqwZFE&list=PLk-27QBxuwWbDHsVnYLGnb8hrO0jfxPaw&index=1>

**Reading:** Mark 1:1-8

**Sermon:** Leonie

**Prayer of Confession:**

Merciful God, we have a confession to make.  
Like the people of old we have turned aside from you.  
We have been deaf to you prophet's word.  
We have been seduced by the new,  
the sensational and the exciting.  
Confront us with the truth of our own failings  
Call us back to the truth of the Gospel.  
Cleanse our hearts by your love  
and baptise us with your Spirit.  
Set us on fire for your mission  
of reconciliation and salvation.  
Do not let us leave this place  
without a clear vision of all that you ask of us.  
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**A Song - Comfort, Comfort All My People**

*Refrain*

Comfort, comfort all my people with the comfort of my word.  
Speak it tender to my people: All your sins are taken away.

1. Though your tears be rivers running,  
though your tears be an ocean full,  
though you cry with the hurt of living,  
comfort, comfort.  
Every valley shall be lifted, every mountain shall be low,  
every rough place will be smoother:  
comfort, comfort. *Refrain*

*(Song continues on page 3)*

## **A Song - Comfort, Comfort All My People**

*(Continued from page 2)*

2. Though your eyes see only darkness,  
though your eyes can see no light,  
though your eyes see pain and sorrow: comfort, comfort.  
Every night will have its morning, every pain will have an end,  
every burden will be lightened:  
comfort, comfort.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8DXPAYWr-c&list=PLk-27QBXuwWbDHsVnYLGnb8hrO0jfxPaw&index=32>

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING**

### **Offering - Statement and Prayer**

#### **Intercession:**

Let us come with our prayers of intercession, praying:

**Comfort, O comfort your children, O God.**

We pray for the state of our world:  
for our polluted planet;  
for communities locked in poverty, disease and pestilence;  
for children growing up hungry and despairing.

**Comfort, O comfort your children, O God.**

*Silent prayer*

We pray for our nation:  
for the many who suffer through disadvantage,  
racism, sexism and bigotry;  
for those who are excluded from the common good  
by greed and insensitivity;  
and for those who have the power to make our nation just, and true.

**Comfort, O comfort your children, O God.**

*Prayer continues on page 4*

## *Intercessions continued from page 3*

And we pray for one another and  
all those we know are in need this day:  
( I will lead in community prayer)  
**Comfort, O comfort your children, O God.**

and as Christ has taught us to pray we pray.

**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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#### **Notices:**

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### **Commissioning and Benediction**

Let us go to make straight the paths  
of justice, righteousness and joy.

Let us go as prophets in our day.

Let us speak with courage and act with kindness.

May the love of God be in all we say and do,  
the way of Christ direct our path,  
and the power of the Spirit make us strong. Amen.

### **Outgoing song**

Righteousness and Peace have kissed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWvWuU2SziI>