

Eden Uniting Worship Service

Sunday 13 Dec 2020

Theme: How can I but Sing!

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 as we gather - Strange things Happening Every Day - Vika & Linda

Call to Worship

Come, let us sing a new song. Sing of God's goodness and mercy.
Sing of God's providential care. Sing a song of justice and hope.
Let us worship our liberating God.

Opening Prayer of Invocation

Holy God,
you alone are our Advent hope.
For so long we have cried out for justice and fairness for all.
We are overwhelmed by the injustice
and suffering we see around us.
Come to us here today with words of saving grace,
that we might be restored to fulness of faith. Amen.

Song - Meekness and Majesty - Graham Kendrick

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gtt52JEW_Zo

Prayer of Confession and Absolution

Praise Song - Tell Out my soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqwoqRo9N6E>

Bible Readings - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, 28

Kids talk - Allan Gibson

Song - The Butterfly Song

Bible Reading - Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Sermon- How can I but Sing! - Michael Palmer

Song : Love the Lord your God!

<https://www.godsongs.net/2011/09/love-lord-your-god-round.html>

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart and all your soul
And all your mind and Love all mankind
As you would love yourself, and ...

Love -----,
The Lord your God With all your heart,
And all your soul and mind and love all mankind.

We've got Christian lives to live,
We've got Jesus' love to give, we've got nothing to hide,
Because in God we all abide ...

Prayers of Intercession & followed by The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

God of healing and wholeness,
as we turn to you with our prayers for others, we are mindful of your care
and concern for all who suffer and are disadvantaged.
You lift up the lowly and reach out to the lost.
We come to you seeking the wisdom of your Spirit
to know how to pray and for whom we should pray.
We bring before you all who are in need of healing –
those struggling with health matters; those locked in despair and
depression; all who have lost their way
and are looking for a new vision for life.

Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Silent prayer

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Prayers of Intercession (Continued from page 2)

Creator and sustainer of all of life,
we pray for our world – for freedom for all
that all may have the means to live;
for children denied the paths to a fulfilling future.
Wherever people suffer injustice and violence let your goodness reign.
We pray for peace among the nations;
for wisdom and compassion for all leaders.

Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Silent prayer

Gracious God,
we pray for our church, for our own needs
and for all known personally to us
who, this day, seek your blessing – strengthen your people to serve
faithfully and equip us to be a light to the nations.
Pour out your Spirit upon us and make us your own.
We open our hearts before you
and name those for whom we have special concern this day.

Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Silent prayer

In all things, we rely on your grace and wisdom
and are content to seek only your will.
In the name of Christ. Amen

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

Offertory Sentence

Let us come with loving hearts to offer all we are and have
for the sake of the world and the love of God.

Offertory Prayer

God of eternal love and goodness receive the gifts we bring
as a token of our love for you. Amen.

Song in Preparation for Holy Communion

- God and Man at Table are sat down

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6S4xiXqdS4g>

Holy Communion - Words of Consecration - Pam Skelton

Song During Communion

How Can I Keep From Singing - Audrey Assad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Li2hddmy63U>

Commissioning and Benediction

Christ has work to be done,
words to be said and a Gospel to proclaim.
Let us go, ready for all that lies ahead.

May God's love be in us,
Christ's call be clearly with us,
and the power of the Holy Spirit
give us strength. Amen.

Song for the Way :

How Can I Keep from Singing - NYC Virtual Choir and Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLPP3XmYxXg>