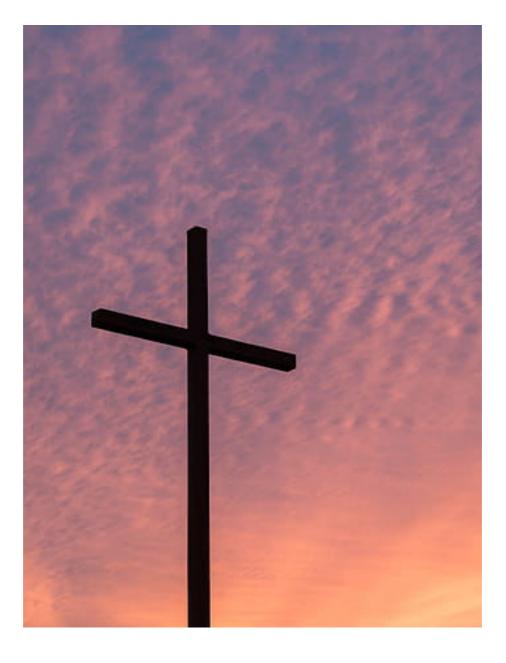
Confession of faith



St Aidan's Uniting Church 9th March 2025 Lent 1

Call to Worship

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart."

Come, open your heart, mind, and soul to the Word of God in this time and place:

we come to worship God.

Prayers

Creator God, often we confess our faith with our mouths and fail to let it change our hearts; we make our statements of faith and then go back to our old ways of living.

Forgive us, God of compassion, when we do what is comfortable and not what is right.

Forgive us,
Christ, the Human One,
when we are sucked back
into being an exclusivist club
rather than being your body in our world.

Forgive us,
Spirit of the Holy One,
when feel your breath in us
and yet we dig our heels in
and look to keeping everything the same
as we had before.

Holy God, three in One, we experience you in community

and yet fail to be community for those outside our circles: forgive us when we fail to share your love, forgive us when we fail to share our grace, help us to not just hear your word but also to put it into action in our lives. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Jesus the Christ who walked this earth experienced all that it is to be human and knows what it is to struggle with what God calls us to at this time and in this place.

Know that Christ not only strengthens you and leads you.

Know that God loves you and forgives you:

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

Loving God
who calls us to be in unity
and reminds us
there is neither Greek nor Jew,
we pray for the peoples
who are divided in modern ways
in this world.

We pray for the rich and the poor: for those who are buying power, political influence, or even nations with their money, and for those
who wish they could buy
enough food
for their children to eat.

We pray for the near and the far: for those who are our neighbours, in our streets or communities and those who live the other side of the world.

We pray for those whom we understand and those whom we don't: for the people whose language and culture is like ours and those whose words and ways are so very different.

We pray for those who know you and those who don't, and those who know you by another name; Amen.

Benediction & Blessing

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart."

Wherever you go, the word in near you if you will be open to experiencing God in the world.

May you always know God's blessing; and may you always be God's blessing to all the people you encounter on the journey of life.