

# SEDDON CENTENARY SERVICE

## WELCOME/PRAYER

This weekend as we gather in celebration of the 100 years since the settlement of Seddon and of all this means to us , it is fitting that we gather this morning to worship the Living God.

In the spirit of the centenary we have included things within this service which represent different periods of church worship. Ranging from a piece taken from morning worship which comes from a prayer book written in 1662 and used by the first Anglicans in the district through to the style of the present day services.

Let us pray.

Lord as we gather in our celebration of the 100 years of Seddon we ask that you meet with us in a fresh and new way. May our worship may be pleasing to you. Amen.

HYMN guide me oh thou great redeemer

*An approach from the old prayer book*

Render your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil , Joel 2, 13.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the' Scripture moveth us in sundry places: to acknowledge -and confess our manifold . sins and wickedness and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face. of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble lowly penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. . And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before ; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that. we have .received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to -hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which we requisite and necessary, as -well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

In every history there are things that we are very proud of and even some things that we are not. And therefore it is only right when we approach our Holy God that we ask for forgiveness for the things we have done that we are not proud of.

Confession Priest My brothers and sisters in Christ, As the people of God in this part of the world we can say that we have not always been faithful and loving in the sight of God and in the sight of each other. We call to mind our sins and ask forgiveness, healing and strength.

On sheet

Priest Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: lord have mercy.

People Lord have mercy

Priest: Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division. Christ, have mercy.

People Christ have mercy

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the good Shepherd leading us to everlasting life. Lord have mercy.

People: Lord have mercy

Priest Know that God has the power and the dominion over everything. There is nothing more powerful. Let us forgive ourselves and others. Know that through Jesus Christ we are washed clean.

READING / Psalm Ps 8

CHILDREN'S TALK

GOSPEL reading Matt 22:34 - 40

MESSAGE

HYMN Affirmation of faith using "From heaven you came"

PRAYERS

Let us pray God of the wide open spaces, of the hills and trees and plains, you also build us in community. Bless all who touch our lives, where we work and where we socialise: at playcentre and school, at Federated Farmers' and Young Farmers' meetings, at Women's Division, Women's institute and Red Cross, at local stock sale days.

We pray for all whose work interconnects with ours: the local vets, and rural delivery mailman, the stock and station agents, local publicans, local and regional government representatives, and also the living pioneers of our area who bring the past vividly alive that we may look in hope to the future.

We give you thanks for all the riches that you have given us in the community. We thank-you for the foresight of those that have gone before us and ask that you help us as we strive to look after this land and build our community.

Let us pray together the Lords own prayer. Our Father which art in heaven,....

*Announce the collection and the final hymn*

HYMN Lord the light of your love is shining

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING