



# St Ives Uniting Church

16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## Easter 2

### Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 373 Hail our once despised Jesus

### Prayers of adoration and confession

#### Assurance of forgiveness

Our heavenly Father, in great mercy,  
has given his Son Jesus to die for us,  
and for his sake, forgives us all our sins.

By the authority of Christ,  
I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### Responsive Reading: Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup> Keep me safe, my God,  
**for in you I take refuge.**

<sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
**apart from you I have no good thing."**

<sup>3</sup> I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
**"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."**

<sup>4</sup> Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.  
**I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods  
or take up their names on my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
**you make my lot secure.**

<sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
**surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;

even at night my heart instructs me.

**<sup>8</sup> I keep my eyes always on the Lord.**

**With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,

**<sup>10</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.**

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
**you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

**Hymn:** 217(i) Love divine

**Notices**

Lawrence Peak

**Bible readings**

**John 20:19-31**

Heather Lakiss

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Barbara Coupe

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Disciples, doubt and belief

**Hymn:** 228 Crown him with many crowns (4 verses)

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayers of the people and the Lord’s Prayer**

Ross Lorenz

**Hymn:** 155 O Lord my God (How great thou art!)

**Benediction**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ, Amen**

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

Deb Marshall