St Ives Uniting Church

9th April 2023

Easter Day

Call to worship and welcome Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 370 Christ the Lord is risen today

Prayers of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness Hear the Good News of grace: In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118:1,14-24 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵ Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! 16 The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!" ¹⁷ I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. ¹⁸ The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord

through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

²³ the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
²⁴ The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.
Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Hymn: 517 Hallelujah, sing to Jesus

Notices

Bible readings

Matthew 28:1-10

Beth Facer

Lawrence Peak

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed

things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Halleluiah! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed Sermon: The day the Son rose... Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hymn: 376 I know that my redeemer lives Offering and prayer Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer Jane Ann Tainsh **Hymn:** 380 Thine be the glory **Benediction** Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on

Postlude

Colossians 3:1-4

Organist

John Hughes

Richard Facer

