



# St Ives Uniting Church

5<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Epiphany 5

**Call to worship and welcome**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Hymn: 215 You servants of God**

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

Hear Christ's word of grace to us: "Your sins are forgiven"

**Thanks be to God**

**Notices**

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**Bible Readings**

**Psalm 112**

Margaret Jeffery

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord,  
who find great delight in his commands.

<sup>2</sup> Their children will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,  
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

<sup>5</sup> Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> Surely the righteous will never be shaken;  
they will be remembered forever.

<sup>7</sup> They will have no fear of bad news;  
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;

in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.  
<sup>9</sup> They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn will be lifted high in honour.  
<sup>10</sup> The wicked will see and be vexed,  
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;  
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.  
This is the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

**Matthew 5:13-20**

John Huckson

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon:** Salt, light and the law

**Hymn:** 456 Your hand, O God, has guided

**Offering and prayer**

## Prayers of the people

Emily Jacobsson

Hymn: 474 Here in this place

### Holy Communion

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

...we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

We who are many are one body in Christ,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to say,

**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 us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

And now we pray:

**Father, we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**Hymn: 231 At the name of Jesus**

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

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

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