



St Ives Uniting Church

18 June 2023

Pentecost 3

Call to worship and welcome

The Christ Candle

Hymn: 134 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

Prayer of adoration

Responsive reading: Psalm 100

¹ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

² **Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

³ Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Prayer of confession

We pray together:

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We pray you, of your mercy,

**to forgive what we have been,
to help us to amend what we are,
and to direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 123 Be still my soul

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Shirley Ashton

¹ I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

² Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.

³ The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"Lord, save me!"

¹² What shall I return to the Lord
for all his goodness to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.
¹⁶ Truly I am your servant, Lord;
I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.
¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the Lord.
¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord—
in your midst, Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Romans 5:1-8

Emily Jacobsson

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Video: The goodness of God

Sermon: Responding to God

Hymn: 222 Rock of ages

Offering

Offertory response: 768(i) Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer Hazel Ruskin

Hymn: 209 And can it be

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham