

St Ives Uniting Church 31 March 2024

Easter Sunday

Call to worship

Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Hymn: 370 Christ the Lord is risen today

Prayers of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God.

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The flowering of the cross

Prayer

Hymn: 390 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to our risen Lord

Notices Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

Mark 16:1-7 Jenny Huckson

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

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1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John Huckson

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

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Sermon: Good news!

Hymn: 376 I know that my redeemer lives

Offering

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of intercession and the Lord's prayer

Hymn: 380 Thine be the glory

Benediction

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Threefold Amen

Postlude Organist Jim Abraham

