



St Ives Uniting Church

14 April 2024

Easter 3

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 154 Great is your faithfulness

Prayer of adoration

Prayer of confession

Responsive reading: Psalm 4

¹ Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.

**Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

² How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

³ **Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.**

⁴ Tremble and do not sin;
when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.

⁵ **Offer the sacrifices of the righteous
and trust in the Lord.**

⁶ Many, Lord, are asking, “Who will bring us prosperity?”
Let the light of your face shine on us.

⁷ Fill my heart with joy
when their grain and new wine abound.

⁸ **In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety.**

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 693 Come as you are

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings:

Luke 24:36-48

Guy Smith

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?"

³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

1 John 3:1-7

Philip Southwell

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Faith to action

Hymn: 599(ii) Take my life

Offering

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Jane Ann Tainsh

Hymn: 233 I will sing the wondrous story

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes

