



St Ives Uniting Church

28 April 2024

Easter 5

Welcome

ANZAC remembrance

Video: Music - *Benedictus* from *The Armed Man* by Karl Jenkins

Prayer

The Last Post – From the Menin Gate

Call to worship

Hymn: 28 God is our strength and refuge

Prayer of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 217(i) Love divine

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

John 15:1-8

John Ruskin

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

1 John 4:7-21

Hazel Ruskin

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother

and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: God's love and ours.

Hymn: 685 Lord, I come to you (the power of your love)

Offering

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Hymn: 152 Joyful, joyful

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Pianist

Deb Marshall

