



St Ives Uniting Church

25 February 2024

Lent 2

Call to worship and welcome

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

Prayers of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Responsive reading: Psalm 22:23-28,30-31

²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you descendants of Jacob, honour him!

Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;

**he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.**

²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied;
**those who seek the Lord will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the Lord,
**and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,**

²⁸ for dominion belongs to the Lord
and he rules over the nations.

³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

Hymn: 106 Now thank we all our God

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings:

Mark 8:31-38

Beth Facer

³¹ [Jesus] then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Romans 4:18-25

Richard Facer

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was

as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” ²³ The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

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Thanks be to God

Sermon: The way of the cross

Hymn: 342 When I survey the wondrous cross

Offering

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord’s prayer

Beth Dulin

Hymn: 209 And can it be

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham

