



# St Ives Uniting Church

4 February 2024

## Epiphany 5

**Call to worship and welcome**

**Hymn:** 143 Immortal, Invisible

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

**Notices**

Lawrence Peak

**Bible readings**

**Mark 1:29-39**

Elizabeth White

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered at the door, <sup>34</sup> and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." <sup>39</sup> So he travelled

throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

Stephen White

<sup>16</sup> For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup> If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

<sup>19</sup> Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** – The whole Jesus

**Hymn:** 517 Hallelujah! sing to Jesus

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayers of the people**

Ross Lorenz

**Hymn: 511** Let us break bread together with the Lord

**The peace**

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Holy Communion**

We pray together:

**Lord,**

**We know that we are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table,**

**But we also know that it is your nature always to have mercy,**

**And so we ask you, as we share in this sacrament,**

**to feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, so that we may for ever live in him and he in us.**

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...we praise you with your people throughout the world and across the years, joining with choirs of angels and the whole of creation in the eternal hymn, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

...With this bread and this cup we do as our Saviour commands: we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

...And so, awaiting his coming in glory, we pray as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

...The gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ, and Christ in us.**

**Hymn: 231 At the name of Jesus**

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

**John Hughes**