

St Ives Uniting Church 30 June 2024 Pentecost 6

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 477 Jesus calls us here to meet him (Tune: 158 Ode to Joy)

Prayer of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Responsive reading: Psalm 30

¹ I will exalt you, Lord,

for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

- ² Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.
- ³ You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.
- ⁴ Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; **praise his holy name.**
- ⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favour lasts a lifetime;

weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

⁶ When I felt secure, I said,

"I will never be shaken."

⁷ Lord, when you favoured me, you made my royal mountain stand firm;

but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

8 To you, Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: ⁹ "What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

- ¹⁰ Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; **Lord, be my help.**"
- You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
- 12 that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

Hymn: 376 I know that my redeemer lives

Notices Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

Mark 5:21-43 Caroline Turner

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake.
Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

- ³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"
- ³¹ "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

- ³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."
- ³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"
- ³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."
- ³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Acts 3:1-10 Annette Burne

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles

became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: A formula for miracles?

Hymn: 216 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Offering and prayer

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Hymn: 210 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude Organist John Hughes