



St Ives Uniting Church

9 June 2024

Pentecost 3

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 133 O worship the king

Prayers of adoration and confession

Unison Reading - Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

² Lord, hear my voice.

**Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.**

**³ If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?**

**⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

**⁵ I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.**

**⁶ I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

**⁷ Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.**

**⁸ He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

Amen

Declaration of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Words of assurance - 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Hymn: 607 Make me a channel of your peace

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

1 Samuel 8:4-20 Max Osborne

⁴ So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵ They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.”

⁶ But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. ⁷ And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. ⁸ As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. ⁹ Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.”

¹⁰ Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ He said, “This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. ¹² Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. ¹⁵ He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. ¹⁶ Your male and female servants

and the best of your cattle^[b] and donkeys he will take for his own use.

¹⁷ He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. ¹⁸ When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. ²⁰ Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Mark 3:20-27

Marian Kingham

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man’s house.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: So you want to be successful?

Hymn: 224(i) All hail the power of Jesus’ name

Offering

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Emily Jacobsson

Hymn:147 To God be the glory

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Pianist

Deb Marshall