



St Ives Uniting Church

26 May 2024

Trinity Sunday

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 179 Praise with joy the world's creator

Responsive reading – Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.

⁸ **The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;**
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

¹¹ The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Your sins are forgiven
Thanks be to God

Hymn: 106(i) Now thank we all our God

Notices

Lawrence Peak

The Nicene Creed

What do we believe?

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

**he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Bible readings

Isaiah 6:1-8

Shirley Luttrell

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

John 3:1-17

Robyn Egarr

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we

testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Holy, holy, holy

Hymn: 160 Father all loving

Offering

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord’s prayer

Hymn: 132 Holy, holy, holy

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes

