



St Ives Uniting Church

3 November 2024

Pentecost 24

Call to worship and welcome

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

The Lord is my strength and my defence;
he has become my salvation.

This is the day of the Lord's victory;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

The Christ Candle

Hymn: 96 Sing praise to the Lord

Prayer of adoration

Responsive reading: Psalm 146

¹ Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

² I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,

in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;

on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth,

the sea, and everything in them—

he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed

and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free,

⁸ the Lord gives sight to the blind,

**the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.**

⁹ The Lord watches over the foreigner

and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The Lord reigns forever,

our God, for all generations.

Praise the Lord.

Prayer of confession

Merciful God,

we have sinned in what we have thought and said,

in the wrong we have done,

and in the good we have not done.

We have sinned in ignorance and weakness;

we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.

**Forgive us, through the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name.**

Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 217(i) Love divine

Announcements

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Pam Tickell

These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Mark 12:28-34

Mike Tickell

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

²⁹ “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’ ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

³² “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Heart, mind, strength... and soul.

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

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Hymn: 547 Be thou my vision

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham