



St Ives Uniting Church

25 October 2026

Pentecost 22

“Jesus, Son of God”

Notices and Welcome

Introduction and Call to Worship

We Light the Christ Candle

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering to Praise God

Hymn 375 Come with our Lord arise

St Petersburg

Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

Declaration of Forgiveness

God is love. Through Christ, your sins are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Listening to God's Word.

Responsive Reading Psalm 110 A Psalm of David

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"

The Lord will extend your mighty sceptre from Zion, you will rule in the midst of your enemies.

Your troops will be willing on your day of battle

Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth.

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind

You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek

The Lord is at your right hand, he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.

He will drink from a brook beside the ways:

Therefore, he will lift up his head.

Amen

We share the peace amongst us

Brief thoughts on stewardship

Lawrence Peak

First Lesson 1 Thessalonians 2 Verses 1 – 8

Beth Facer

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. ² We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. ³ For the appeal we make does

not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. ⁴ On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. ⁶ We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. ⁷ Instead, we were like young children^[a] among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, ⁸ so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Lesson Matthew 22 Verses 34 – 46

Richard Facer

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’^[c] ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’^[d] ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Whose Son Is the Messiah?

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

⁴² “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

“The son of David,” they replied.

⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,

⁴⁴ “The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.””^[e]

⁴⁵ If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Lord Jesus Christ we give you our praise.

Hymn 588 In heavenly love abiding

Penlan

Musical Interlude

Sermon “An Insufficient Title”

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Hymn 606 Son of God eternal Saviour

Hyfrydol TIS 233

Responding to God’s Word.

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day 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.

Closing Hymn 231 the name of Jesus

Camberwell

Benediction *The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you,
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
And give you peace. Amen*

Blessing 778 Shalom to you now (sung twice)

“Somos del Señor”

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends,
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes

