



# St Ives United Church

13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## Lent 2 – Holy Communion

### Welcome and lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 125 God of Abraham praise (verses 1,3,4,6)

### Prayers of adoration and confession

### Assurance of forgiveness

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

**Thanks be to God**

Hymn: 160 Father all-loving

### Notices

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### Bible readings

#### Genesis 15:1-6

Lara Pillai

<sup>1</sup>After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,  
your very great reward."

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.  
This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Hazel Ruskin

<sup>17</sup> Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Counting stars

**Hymn:** 465 Father in heaven

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayer for others**

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**Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so we praise you with your people throughout the world and across the years, joining with choirs of angels and the whole of creation in the eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

...With this bread and this cup we do as our Saviour commands:  
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

...Awaiting his coming in glory, we pray as our Saviour taught us:  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today 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.**

...The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ, and Christ  
in us.**

...God has us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given  
us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people,  
and so we pray together:  
**We thank you, Lord, that when we were still far off, you met  
us in your Son. He lived and died and rose again, declared  
your love and gave us the gift of eternal life.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we who the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us in the hope we have in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn: 456 Your Hand, O God, has guided**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

**Jim Abraham**