



# **St Ives Uniting Church**

**8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Easter 4**

**Call to worship and welcome**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Hymn: 111 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**Prayer of adoration and confession**

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have left undone what we ought to have done,  
and we have done what we ought not to have done.  
We have followed our own ways  
and the desires of our own hearts.  
We have broken your holy laws.  
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;  
restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to all people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**And grant, merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a godly and obedient life,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

**In Jesus Christ,  
our sins have been forgiven  
Thanks be to God**

**Hymn:** 10 The Lord is my shepherd

**Notices**

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**Bible readings:**

**John 10:22-30**

Rob Mayrick

<sup>22</sup> Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter,  
<sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's  
Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying,  
"How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell  
us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I  
do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe  
because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know  
them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall  
never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father,  
who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them  
out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

Marian Kingham

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no  
one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language,  
standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing  
white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And  
they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb."

<sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory  
and wisdom and thanks and honor  
and power and strength  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen!”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup> I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne  
will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup> ‘Never again will they hunger;  
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne  
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** The hope of things to come

**Hymn:** Blessed assurance

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer**

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**Hymn: 228 Crown him with many crowns**

**Benediction**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ, Amen**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

Organist

John Hughes