



St Ives Uniting Church

Father's Day - 4th September 2022

Pentecost 13

Welcome and lighting the Christ Candle

God has set before us life and death.

We long to choose life.

God has set before us blessings and curses.

We long to choose blessings.

Let us listen for God's word for our lives

And share in praise, prayer and fellowship together.

Let us, as recipients of God's grace, come to Christ's table.

And share the cup of blessing; and eat the bread of life.

Hymn: 160 Father all loving

Prayers of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Bible readings:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

David Turner

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may

love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 14:25-33

Shirley Ashton

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Choose life

Hymn: 569 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Offering and prayer

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Prayers of the people

Mike Tickell

Hymn: 538 Feed us now, bread of life

Holy Communion

The peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

We pray together:

Lord,

We know that we are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table,

But we also know that it is your nature always to have mercy,

And so we ask you, as we share in this sacrament, to feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, so that we may for ever live in him and he in us.

Amen.

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, singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one 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.**

Hymn: 465 Father in heaven, grant to your children

Benediction

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The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

**And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon us and remain with us always.
Amen.**

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham