



St Ives Uniting Church

23rd April 2023

Easter 3

Welcome

The Christ Candle

Hymn: 210 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Prayers of adoration and confession

Responsive Reading: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹ I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

² Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.

³ The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“Lord, save me!”

¹² What shall I return to the Lord
for all his goodness to me?

¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁴ **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.**

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.

¹⁶ **Truly I am your servant, Lord;
I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.**

¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the Lord.

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord

in the presence of all his people,
**¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord—
in your midst, Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord.**

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace to us: "Your sins are forgiven."

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 375 Come, let us with our Lord arise

Notices

Bible readings

Luke 24:13-35

Elizabeth White

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer

these things and then enter his glory?”²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

1 Peter 1:17-23

Stephen White

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

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Thanks be to God

Video: I can see (The Emmaus Road)

Sermon: Revelation on the road

Hymn: 526 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Offering

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer Guy Smith

Hymn: 569 Guide me, O thy great redeemer

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude Organist John Hughes

