



# St Ives Uniting Church

27 August 2023

## Pentecost 13

**Call to worship and welcome**

**The Christ Candle**

**Hymn:** 454 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (Cathedral singers will sing the first verse)

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Cathedral Singers:** Kyrie - Karl Jenkins "The Armed Man" (Mass for peace)

**Assurance of forgiveness**

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

**Thanks be to God**

**Notices**

Lawrence Peak

**Bible readings**

**Isaiah 51:1-6**

Max Osborne

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness  
and who seek the Lord:

Look to the rock from which you were cut  
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

<sup>2</sup> look to Abraham, your father,  
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

When I called him he was only one man,  
and I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord will surely comfort Zion

and will look with compassion on all her ruins;  
he will make her deserts like Eden,  
her wastelands like the garden of the Lord.  
Joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

<sup>4</sup>“Listen to me, my people;  
hear me, my nation:  
Instruction will go out from me;  
my justice will become a light to the nations.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near speedily,  
my salvation is on the way,  
and my arm will bring justice to the nations.

The islands will look to me  
and wait in hope for my arm.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
look at the earth beneath;  
the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment  
and its inhabitants die like flies.

But my salvation will last forever,  
my righteousness will never fail.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Romans 12:1-8**

Marian Kingham

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with

sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Cathedral Singers:** O Lord increase our faith - Henry Loosemore

**Sermon:** Being the body of Christ

**Hymn:** 457 The Church's one foundation (Cathedral singers 3<sup>rd</sup> verse)

**Reflection:** Generous giving

**Offering and prayer**

**Cathedral Singers:** Psalm 23 – Goodall

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

**Hymn:** 209 And can it be

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

**Jim Abraham**

