



St Ives Uniting Church

22nd January 2023

Epiphany 3

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 133 O worship the King, all glorious above

Prayer of adoration and confession

Responsive reading: Psalm 27:1,4-9

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life
of whom shall I be afraid?**

⁴ One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
**he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.**

⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
**at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, I will seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.

**Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Saviour.**

Amen

Assurance of forgiveness

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear then the word of grace and the assurance of pardon:

Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Reflection: A time to mourn

Hymn: 135 All things bright and beautiful

Bible readings

Isaiah 9:1-4

Stephen White

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,

the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Matthew 4:12-23

Elizabeth White

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles

¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

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Thanks be to God

Sermon: Going fishing

Hymn:414 There’s a spirit in the air

Offering

Prayers of the people

Emily Jacobsson

Hymn: 659 The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow

Blessing

Postlude

Pianist

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