



# St Ives Uniting Church

2 July 2023

## Holy Communion

### Pentecost 5

**Call to worship and welcome**

**The Christ Candle**

**Hymn: 215 You servants of God**

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

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

**Thanks be to God**

**Notices**

Lawrence Peak

**Bible Readings**

**Genesis 22:1-14**

Guy Smith

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

<sup>2</sup> Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love— Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

<sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

<sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

<sup>9</sup> When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>12</sup> “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram<sup>[a]</sup> caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Matthew 10:40-42**

Robyn Egarr

<sup>40</sup> “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup> And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon - Sacrifice?**

**Hymn: 705 Behold the lamb of God**

**Offering and Prayer**

**Prayers of the people**

Emily Jacobsson

**Hymn: 474 Here in this place**

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

**Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

... we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

... we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray,

**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.**

Let us pray together:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the sacrament of his body and blood.  
Grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.**

**Hymn: 154 Great is thy faithfulness**

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

**Jim Abraham**