



# St Ives Uniting Church

21 May 2023

## Easter 7

Call to worship and welcome

The Christ Candle

Hymn: 100 All Creatures of our God and King (verses 1,3, 5 and 7)

**Responsive reading:** Psalm 68:3-10, 32-35

<sup>3</sup> May the righteous be glad  
and rejoice before God;

**may they be happy and joyful.**

<sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,  
extol him who rides on the clouds;

**rejoice before him—his name is the Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,  
is God in his holy dwelling.

<sup>6</sup> **God sets the lonely in families,  
he leads out the prisoners with singing;  
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

<sup>7</sup> When you, God, went out before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup> **the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,  
before God, the One of Sinai,  
before God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup> You gave abundant showers, O God;  
**you refreshed your weary inheritance.**

<sup>10</sup> Your people settled in it,  
**and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,  
**sing praise to the Lord,**

<sup>33</sup> to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens,  
who thunders with mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup> **Proclaim the power of God,  
whose majesty is over Israel,  
whose power is in the heavens.**

<sup>35</sup> You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;  
**the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.**  
**Praise be to God! Hallelujah.**

## **Prayer of confession**

### **Assurance of forgiveness**

Hear Christ's word of grace to us: "Your sins are forgiven"  
**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn:** 217(i) Love divine

## **Notices**

Lawrence Peak

## **Bible readings**

### **John 17:1-11**

Beth Dulin

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:  
"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. <sup>6</sup> "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11**

Marian Kingham

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

<sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Stand firm

**Hymn:** 28 God is our strength and refuge

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer**

Ross Lorenz

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.

**Hymn:** 380 Thine be the glory

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

John Hughes