



# St Ives Uniting Church

7 May 2023

## Easter 5

### Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 111 Praise to the Lord

### 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

#### John 14:1-14

Margaret Jeffery

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going."

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father,

living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **1 Peter 2:1-10**

Caroline Turner

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup> and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you

were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** God's own people

**Hymn:** 457 The church's one foundation

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayers of the people**

Jo McDonough

**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: 456 Your hand, O God, has guided**

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

**Jim Abraham**