



# St Ives Uniting Church

21 January 2024

## Epiphany 3

**Call to worship and welcome**

Hymn: 155 How great thou art

**Prayer of adoration**

**Responsive reading:** Psalm 62:5-12

<sup>5</sup> Yes, my soul, find rest in God;  
**my hope comes from him.**

<sup>6</sup> Truly he is my rock and my salvation;  
**he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup> My salvation and my honour depend on God;  
**he is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

<sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, you people;  
pour out your hearts to him,  
**for God is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup> Surely the lowborn are but a breath,  
the highborn are but a lie.

**If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;  
together they are only a breath.**

<sup>10</sup> Do not trust in extortion  
or put vain hope in stolen goods;  
**though your riches increase,  
do not set your heart on them.**

<sup>11</sup> One thing God has spoken,  
two things I have heard:

**“Power belongs to you, God,**

<sup>12</sup> **and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;**

and, “You reward everyone  
according to what they have done.”

### **Prayer of confession**

### **Assurance of forgiveness**

Hear Christ’s word of grace “Your sins are forgiven.”

**Thanks be to God**

### **Notices**

Lawrence Peak

**Reflection** – A time for everything

**Video:** Great South Land of the Holy Spirit

### **Bible readings**

#### **Jonah 3:1-5**

John Ruskin

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

<sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### **Mark 1:14-20**

Hazel Ruskin

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

<sup>17</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Turning to God

**Hymn:** 136 There’s a wideness in God’s mercy

**Offering**

**Offering response:** 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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

Ross Lorenz

**Hymn:** 147 To God be the glory

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

Deb Marshall