



St Ives Uniting Church

14 July 2024

Pentecost 8

Welcome and notices

Lawrence Peak

Call to worship

Hymn: 158 God has spoken by his prophets

Prayers of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace to us, "Your sins are forgiven"

Thanks be to God

Bible reading

Acts 16:30-34

Caroline Turner

³⁰ [The jailer] then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 407 Breath on me, breath of God

Baptism of Thomas, James and Rebecca

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

...I baptise you

In the name of the Father,

And of the Son,

And of the Holy Spirit

Amen

Sung Blessing: The Aaronic blessing

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.**

Will you as the congregation of St Ives Uniting promise to maintain a life of worship and teaching, witness and service so that Thomas and James may grow to maturity in Christ?

**With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving
community in Christ;
nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer,
and encouraging one another in service,
until Christ comes.**

Bible reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Beth Dulin

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might

be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Chosen.

Hymn: 136 There's a wideness is God's mercy

Offering and prayer

Prayers of intercession and the Lord's prayer

Shirley Ashton

Hymn: 547 Be thou my vision

Baptism candle and blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ, Amen.

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes