



# St Ives Uniting Church

**13 April 2025**

**Palm Sunday**

**Call to worship and welcome**

**Hymn:** 333 All glory, praise and honour

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**The peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you

**And also with you**

**Notices**

Lawrence Peak

**Bible readings:**

**Psalm 118: 19-29**

Robyn Egarr

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord  
through which the righteous may enter.

<sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

<sup>23</sup> the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.

<sup>25</sup> Lord, save us!  
Lord, grant us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Luke 19:28-40**

Caroline Turner

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

<sup>34</sup> They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

<sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”<sup>[a]</sup>  
“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

<sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

For the gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon:** A triumphal entry?

**Hymn:** 279 The king of glory comes

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayers of the people**

Beth Dulin

**Hymn:** 538 Feed us now, bread of life

**Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

...And so we praise you with your people throughout the world and across the years, joining with choirs of angels and the whole of creation in the eternal hymn, singing:

**Hymn: 761**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

...With this bread and this cup we do as our Saviour commands: we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

...Awaiting his coming in glory, we pray as our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

...The gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ, and Christ in us.**

...God has us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people, and so we pray together:

**We thank you, Lord, that when we were still far off, you met us in your Son. He lived and died and rose again, declared your love and opened the way to everlasting life.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we who the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us in the hope we have in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn: 52 Let us sing to the God of salvation**

**Benediction**

**Threefold amen**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

**John Hughes**

