



St Ives Uniting Church

20 April 2025

Easter Sunday

Welcome and lighting the Christ candle

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.

Hymn: 370 Christ the Lord is risen today

Prayers of adoration and confession

...and so we pray together

Almighty God,

**We confess we have turned away from you,
ignoring your will for our lives,
and living our own ways.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again,
forgive us and change us,
so that we may live our lives to your glory.
Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

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The flowering of the cross

Hymn: 517 Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-9

Mike Tickell

⁶ On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The Lord has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,
“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

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John 20:1-18

Pam Tickell

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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Sermon Meeting Jesus

Hymn: 376 I know that my Redeemer lives

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Offering and prayer

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Ross Lorenz

Hymn: 380 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Benediction

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Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham

