



# St Ives Uniting Church

27 April 2025

Easter 2



## “Dealing with Doubts”

**Notices and Welcome**

**Introduction and Call to Worship**

**We Light the Christ Candle**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Gathering to Praise God**

**Hymn 152** Joyful, joyful, we adore you

*“Ode to Joy”*

**Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

*God is love. Through Christ, your sins are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

### **Listening to God’s Word**

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 150

Praise the Lord, Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

**Praise him for his acts of power;**  
**praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre,

**Praise him with timbrel and dancing,  
praise him with the strings and pipe,**

Praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

**Praise the Lord**

**Amen**

**Meditation**

ANZAC Thoughts

Lawrence Peak

**Hymn** O Valiant Hearts

*“The supreme sacrifice”*

**First Lesson**

**Acts Chapter 5 Verses 27 – 32**

Jill McNamara

27 The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

Peter and the other apostles replied “We must obey God rather than human beings!

The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

*This is the Word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

## **Second Lesson**

### **John Chapter 20 Verses 19 – 31**

Ashley Jacobsson

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

### ***Jesus Appears to Thomas***

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

***Lord Jesus Christ we give you our praise.***

**Hymn 689** Lord, hear our praying

*“Lara”*

**Sermon** “Dealing with Doubts”

Lawrence Peak

**Responding to God’s Word.**

**Offering**

**Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him, all creatures here below,  
praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day 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.**

**Closing Hymn 380** Yours be the glory

*“Maccabaeus”*

**Benediction**    *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 the light of his countenance upon you,  
And give you peace. Amen*

**Blessing 778**    *Shalom to you now (sung twice)*                      *“Somos del Senor”*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends  
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends,  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

Deb Marshall

