



St Ives Uniting Church

6 April 2025

Lent 5

With the Cathedral Singers

Lighting the Christ Candle - John 1:9-12

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Anthem: Drop, slow tears (Gibbons) - The Cathedral Singers

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 134 Praise, my soul the king of heaven

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Hymn: 569 Guide, O thou great Redeemer

Bible reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Susanne Hledik

⁶ This is what the Lord says—

he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,

¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

¹⁸ “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

²⁰ The wild animals honour me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,

to give drink to my people, my chosen,

²¹ the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 595 O Jesus, I have promised

Bible reading

John 12:1-8

Beth Dulin

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among

those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit (Hurford) - The Cathedral Singers

Sermon – Extravagant love

Hymn: 341 My song is love unknown

Offering and prayer

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer Hazel Ruskin

Hymn: 216 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ, Amen

Anthem: God so loved the world (Stainer) – The Cathedral Singers

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham

