



# St Ives Uniting Church

16 February 2025

## Epiphany 6

### Call to worship

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Worship the Lord with gladness;**  
come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the Lord is God.**

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
**we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
**give thanks to him and praise his name.**

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
**his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

### Welcome

### The Christ Candle

Hymn: 724 Hosanna

### Prayer of adoration and confession

### Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace, "Your sins are forgiven."  
**Thanks be to God**

Hymn: 232 O the deep, deep love of Jesus

### Notices

## **Bible readings**

### **Psalm 1**

Jenny Huckson

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one  
    who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
    or sit in the company of mockers,  
<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
    and who meditates on his law day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
    which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
    whatever they do prospers.
- <sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!  
    They are like chaff that the wind blows away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Luke 6:17-26**

John Huckson

- <sup>17</sup> He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup> and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.
- <sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said:  
“Blessed are you who are poor,  
    for yours is the kingdom of God.  
<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now,

for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you,  
when they exclude you and insult you  
and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in  
heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have already received your comfort.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now,  
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,  
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Good news and bad news.

**Hymn:** 650 Brother, sister, let me serve you

**Offering**

**Offering response:** 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

**Prayers of the people and the Lord’s prayer**

Annette Burne

**Hymn:** 517 Hallelujah, sing to Jesus

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

Deb Marshall

