



St Ives Uniting Church

12 January 2025

Baptism of Jesus

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 160 Father all loving

Responsive prayer of adoration: Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ **The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.**
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.**

¹¹ The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

Isaiah 43:1-7

Susanne Hledik

But now, this is what the Lord says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

³ For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;

I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush and Seba in your stead.

⁴ Since you are precious and honoured in my sight,

and because I love you,

I will give people in exchange for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

I will bring your children from the east
and gather you from the west.

⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'
and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'

Bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 3:15-22

Beth Dulin

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with^[a] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

¹⁹ But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 270 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

Sermon: Revolution by the Jordan

Hymn: 52 Let us sing to the God of salvation

Offering

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer Shirley Ashton

Hymn: 547 Be thou my vision

Blessing

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham