

**St Ives Uniting Church
ORDER OF SERVICE**

Sunday 8th November 2020

Pentecost 23



“A Faith to Pass On”

Notices and Welcome

Introduction and Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering to Praise God

Hymn 158 God has spoken by his prophets

“Ode to Joy”

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession

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.

Thanks be to God, Amen

Responsive Reading Psalm 78 Verses 1 - 8

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old-

³things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. ⁴We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

⁵He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,

⁶so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

⁷Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

They would not be like their forefathers – a stubborn and rebellious generation,

Whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him

Amen

For the Young at heart. “Washing the elephant”

Young People’s Benediction and Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all:

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the Peace with those near us.

Listening to God's Word.

First Lesson 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 Verses 13 – 18 Beth Facer

¹³Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

¹⁴For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

¹⁵According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn 597 Master speak, thy servant heareth “Ottawa”

Second Lesson Matthew Chapter 25 Verses 1 - 13 Richard Facer

25 “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

² Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish.

³ Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,

⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

⁶ “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’

⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘*No*, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’

¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

¹¹ “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’

¹² But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’

¹³ “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Lord Jesus Christ we give you our praise.

Musical Interlude “The Lord’s Prayer ”

*Mormon Tabernacle Choir
Andrea Bocelli*

Sermon “Logarithms and a faith to pass on ”

Lawrence Peak

Responding to God’s Word.

Hymn 155 O Lord, my God , when I in awesome wonder

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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

Annette Burne

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 161 Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord “*Woodlands*”

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 his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen*

Blessing 778 Shalom to you now “*Somos del Señor*”

Musical Postlude

Organist Jim Abraham.

