



St Ives Uniting Church

23rd January 2022

Epiphany 3

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 111 Praise to the Lord, the almighty the king of creation

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Prayer of adoration

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 19:1-4a, 7-10, 14

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.
The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
**they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the
honeycomb.**

¹⁴ **May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my
heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

Amen.

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 389 Your hand O God has guided

Bible readings

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Jenny Huckson

¹ All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel.

² So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁵ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up.

⁶ Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

¹⁰ Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 4:14-21

John Huckson

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: How should we worship?

Hymn: 454 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Offering and prayer

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer Jane Ann Tainsh

Reflection: 26th of January

Video Hymn: Great southland of the Holy Spirit

Blessing

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham

