



St Ives Uniting Church

13th November 2022

Pentecost 23

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 155 O Lord my God (How great thou art)

Prayer of adoration

Responsive reading: Psalm 98

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things;
**his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

² The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

³ He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
**all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

⁴ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;

⁵ make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,

⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;

⁹ let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

We are Christ's sisters and brothers
because of God's will, not our own.

We are incorporated into the family of God
because, in Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 602 O love that will not let me go

Notices

Bible readings

Isaiah 65:17-25

Beth Facer

¹⁷ "See, I will create

new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever

in what I will create,

for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem

and take delight in my people;

the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ "Never again will there be in it

an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not live out his years;

the one who dies at a hundred

will be thought a mere child;

the one who fails to reach a hundred

will be considered accursed.

²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them;

they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them,
or plant and others eat.
For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.
²³ They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the Lord,
they and their descendants with them.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent's food.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,"
says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 21:5-19

Richard Facer

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

¹⁰ Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Hope

Hymn: 569 Guide me O thou great redeemer

Offering

Prayers of the people

Beth Dulin

Hymn: You shall go out with joy

Benediction

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Postlude

Pianist

Rosemary Osborne