



St Ives Uniting Church

23rd October 2022

Pentecost 20

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening prayer

Hymn: 133 O worship the King, all-glorious above

Prayer of adoration

Responsive reading: Psalm 65

¹ Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.

² You who answer prayer,
to you all people will come.

³ When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.

⁴ Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!

**We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.**

⁵ You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
God our Saviour,

**the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,**

⁶ who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,

⁷ **who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,**

and the turmoil of the nations.

⁸ The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
**where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.**

⁹ You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.

**The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.**

¹⁰ You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.

¹² The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.

¹³ The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.

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: 217(i) Love divine

Out of Africa

Notices

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Bible readings

Luke 18:9-14

Elizabeth White

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Stephen White

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God

Sermon: How good are we?

Hymn: 342 When I survey

Offering

Prayers of the people

Annette Burne

Hymn: 52 Let us sing to the God of salvation

Benediction

Postlude

Pianist

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