



St Ives Uniting Church

26 April 2026

Easter 4

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 215 You servants of God, your Master proclaim

Prayer of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear the Good News of grace:

In Christ, we are forgiven

Thanks be to God

Notices

Lawrence Peak

ANZAC Remembrance prayer

May your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves to hope, justice and peace; and give us the wisdom, strength and grace to build a better world.

We pray this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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Hymn: 28 God is our strength and refuge

Bible readings:

John 2:1-11

Susanne Hledik

¹On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the

wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

John 6:1-15

Beth Dulin

¹Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up,

⁹ “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there).

¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Cameos of mission

Rev Dr Keith Garner

Hymn: 233 I will sing the wondrous story

Offering

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people

Hear us, loving God

Through Jesus, our saviour

The Lord's prayer

Hymn: 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Blessing

Rev Dr Keith Garner

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes