



St Ives Uniting Church

17 May 2026

Easter 7

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 373 Hail our once despised Jesus

Prayer of adoration

Responsive reading: Psalm 47

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.
- ² For the Lord Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.
- ³ He subdued nations under us,
peoples under our feet.
- ⁴ **He chose our inheritance for us,**
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.
- ⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
- ⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises;**
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.
- ⁸ God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.
- ⁹ The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted.

Amen

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 599(ii) Take my life, and let it be

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

John 17:1-11

Jenny Huckson

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Acts 1:6-14

John Huckson

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Video: We are one in the Spirit

Sermon: Being one.

Hymn: 457 The church’s one foundation

Offering and prayer

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Annette Burne

Hymn: 231 At the name of Jesus

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes