



St Ives Uniting Church

3 May 2026

Easter 5

Holy Communion

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

Prayers of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness and the peace

Hear the Good News of grace: In Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

John 14:1-10

Robyn Egarr

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Acts 7:55-60

Caroline Turner

⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: What next?

Hymn: 609 May the mind of Christ my saviour

Offering and prayer

Prayers of the people

Beth Dulin

Hymn: 474 Here in this place

Holy Communion

**Lord,
We come to your table,
trusting in your mercy
and not in any goodness of our own.
We are not worthy
even to gather up the crumbs under your table,
but it is your nature always to have mercy.
So feed us with the body and blood
of Jesus Christ, your Son,
that we may for ever live in him
and he in us. Amen.**

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so we praise you with your people throughout the world and across the years, joining with choirs of angels and the whole of creation in the eternal hymn, singing:

Hymn: 761

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...Awaiting his coming in glory, we pray as our Saviour taught us:
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

...God has us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people, and so we pray together:

**We thank you, Lord, that when we were still far off, you met us
in your Son. He lived and died and rose again, declared your
love and opened the way to everlasting life.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink
his cup bring life to others; we who the Spirit lights give light to
the world.
Keep us in the hope we have in your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord, in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

Hymn: 547 Be thou my vision

Benediction

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all this day and
evermore.**

Postlude

Pianist

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