



St Ives Uniting Church

31 August 2025

Pentecost 12

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 143 Immortal, invisible

Prayer of adoration and confession

Responsive reading – from Psalm 81

¹ Sing for joy to God our strength;
shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

¹⁰ I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of Egypt.

Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

¹¹ “But my people would not listen to me;
they would not submit to me.

¹² So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts
to follow their own devices.

¹³ “If my people would only listen to me,
if they would only follow my ways,

¹⁴ how quickly I would subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes!

¹⁵ Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last forever.

¹⁶ But you would be fed with the finest of wheat;
with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ’s word of grace, “Your sins are forgiven”.

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 217(i) Love divine

Notices – Lawrence

Bible readings:

Luke 14:1,7-14

Rob Mayrick

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hebrews 13:1-8

Shirley Luttrell

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in

prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Keep on loving

Hymn: 699 A new commandment

Offering and prayer

Prayers of intercession

Response: 741 O Lord, hear my pray'r

The Lord's prayer

Hymn: 231 At the name of Jesus

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Pianist

Lawrence Peak