



St Ives Uniting Church

28 September 2025

Pentecost 16

with the Cathedral Singers

Call to worship and welcome

Anthem: Sing Joyfully (Batten) - The Cathedral Singers

Lighting the Christ Candle - John 1:9-12

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.
Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Hymn: 675 Lord, the light of your love is shining

Prayer of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace, "Your sins are forgiven"
Thanks be to God

Hymn: 10 The Lord's my shepherd

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible reading:

Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16

Mike Tickell

¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

¹⁴ "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honour him.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 103 A mighty fortress is our God

Bible reading:

Luke 16:19-31

Pam Tickell

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰ “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Anthem: Comfort, O Lord (Crotch) – The Cathedral singers

Sermon: The great chasm

Hymn: 658 I, the Lord of sea and sky

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: Onward, Christian soldiers

Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen

Anthem: Lord, I trust thee (Handel) – The Cathedral Singers

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham