



# St Ives Uniting Church

22 February 2026

## Lent 1

### Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 132 Holy, holy, holy!

### Prayer of adoration and confession

### Responsive reading: from Psalm 51

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
**according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.**
- <sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
**and my sin is always before me.**
- <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
**so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.**
- <sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
**wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
**let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
**and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

**<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

**<sup>15</sup> Open my lips, Lord,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.**

**<sup>16</sup> You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

**<sup>17</sup> My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart  
you, God, will not despise.**

**Amen**

### **Assurance of forgiveness**

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

**Thanks be to God**

### **Notices**

Lawrence Peak

### **1<sup>st</sup> Bible reading:**

#### **Matthew 4:1-11**

Caroline Turner

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup>"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. <sup>9</sup> “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn:** Amazing grace – my chains are gone

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bible reading:**

**Romans 5:12,15-19**

Robyn Egarr

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

<sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup> Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much

more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup> Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** The time of trial

**Hymn:** In Christ alone

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayers of the people**

Lord, hear our prayer

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord**

**Lord's prayer**

**Hymn:** 209 And can it be?

**Benediction**

**Musical blessing:** The Aaronic blessing