



# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## SUNDAY 24 MAY 2020

WELCOME

*Rev Helen Jacobi*

HYMN

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;  
delight in God whose praise you tell,  
whose presence calls you to rejoice.**

**Know that there is one God, indeed,  
who fashions us without our aid,  
who claims us, gives us all we need,  
whose tender care will never fade.**

**Enter the sacred gates with praise,  
with joy approach the temple walls.  
Extol and bless our God always,  
as people whom the Spirit calls.**

**Proclaim again that God is good,  
whose mercy is for ever sure;  
whose truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.**

*Words: William Kethe (d. 1594), alt.  
Tune: Old 100th, melody from 'Genevan Psalter', 1551;  
attributed to Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561). TIS 59*

*Rev Cate Thorn*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,  
the love at our beginning and without end,  
in our midst and with us.

**God is with us, here we find new life.**

In this Easter season,  
we celebrate that the powers of despair and destruction  
do not have the final word; that new life can still break out;  
that love is stronger than death;  
and that nothing can stop the life, hope,  
and determination of Easter people.

**God of grace, we come today with Easter joy,  
seeking to be a people of resurrection.  
Gather us together now,  
form us into a community of your people,  
and reveal to us the Holy One. Amen.**

## THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Cast all your anxiety on God,  
because God cares for you.  
The God of all grace will restore,  
support, strengthen, and establish you.

*1 Peter 5:7, 10*

**God unheld by word or wall;  
power of love beyond all lords of war:  
make us ready for your Spirit of transforming fire;  
and turn our hearts to the mending of the world. Amen.**

## READING

*Acts 1:6-14*

*Molly Nelson*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SERMON

*Rev Helen Jacobi*

## ANTHEM

*Schlage doch, gewünschte Stunde, BWV 53*

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

*Matthew Howes, Paul Chan*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Elena Philp*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e to tātou Ariki, ka inoi tātou:

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi,**

**kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

**Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.**

**Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,**

**kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.**

**Hōmai ki a mātou āianeī**

**he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

**Murua ō mātou hara,**

**me mātou hoki e muru nei,**

**i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.**

**Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;**

**engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:**

**Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,**

**Āke, ake, ake. Āmine.**

## HYMN

**Faith will not grow from words alone,  
from proofs provided, scripture known;  
our faith must feel its way about,  
and live with question marks and doubt.**

**The pattern Jesus showed, we share:  
life comes through death, hope through despair.  
God is made known in brokenness,  
and faith feeds on God's emptiness.**

**The church still tells how Jesus came  
through death to glorious life again –  
the strangest story! Yet, maybe,  
our faith will thrive on mystery.**

**Faith takes the little that we know,  
and calls for hope, and tells us: Go!  
Love and take courage, come what may;  
Christ will be with us on the way.**

*Words: Elizabeth J. Smith (b. 1956).*

*Tune: Fulda. Fulda, W. Gardiner's 'Sacred Melodies', Vol. II, 1815  
Melody probably by William Gardiner (1770-1853). TiS 608*

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

*Rev Wilf Holt*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.

**Amen. We go in the power of love. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Prologue on 'Ascension'*

*Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

*Paul Chan*