

Sunday 16th July, 2023 11.00 am

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 623 Here in this place new light is streaming

1. Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you

4. Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

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Call to prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Reflection

Hymn 349 In our lives plant seeds of hope

In our lives plant seeds of hope,
in our homes plant seeds of love,
in our church plant seeds of joy,
Tell the world about God's love,
Tell the world about God's love.

1. Jesus said, 'If you have faith
small as a mustard seed,
in my name you'll do great things,
you'll do great things indeed.

In our lives plant seeds of hope,
in our homes plant seeds of love,
in our church plant seeds of joy,
Tell the world about God's love,
Tell the world about God's love.

2. 'If a seed falls to the ground,
lies buried like the grain,
Jesus said, 'until its dies
it cannot grow again'.

In our lives plant seeds of hope,
in our homes plant seeds of love,
in our church plant seeds of joy,
Tell the world about God's love,
Tell the world about God's love.

3. Jesus told the story of
the seed the sower sows,
'Listen to my Father's words
and then your faith will grow.

In our lives plant seeds of hope,
in our homes plant seeds of love,
in our church plant seeds of joy,
Tell the world about God's love,
Tell the world about God's love.

4. 'Some words fall among the thorns
and some on stony ground;
some are carried off and lost;
but others find good ground'.

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in our church plant seeds of joy,
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Isaiah 55:10-13
St Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Hymn 619 Spirit of the living God

Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God;
fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me,
mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.

Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)

Hymn You shall Go out with joy

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.

There'll be shouts of joy
And the trees of the fields
shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,
And you'll go out with joy.

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And be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
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