

May 16, 2021 - Easter 7

(Announcements)

Opening Hymn: “Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming” (CP 465)

**1. Here in this place new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreaming,
brought here to you in the lights 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 your name.**

**4. 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 bone.**

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.
Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no
secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sung Gloria (CP 376)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
(repeat)

Children's Focus

Song: “Sing a Happy Hallelujah” (VU 224)

**Sing a happy hallelujah,
sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.**

Refrain:

**Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah, everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!**

The Collect

Giver of eternal life,
**send us to your world to speak the truth of peace, to stand with
those who suffer, and to show another way; through Jesus Christ,
the life of all things. Amen.**

The First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (*Sharmila Lakhani*)

Psalm 1 (*Mary Koehler*)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on this law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
**bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.**
It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.
Glory to God,
**Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13 (*Susan Parsons*)

Gradual Hymn: “Alleluia No.1” (CP 405)

Refrain: **Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation. *Refrain*

4. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our saviour.

Refrain

The Holy Gospel *(Roger Farrier)*

May God be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 17:6-19

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Roberta Fraser

~ A minute of silence for reflection & prayer. ~

Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now. You are God. You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People *(Donna Bishop)*

The Peace

The peace of God be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Offering

God sees all things! God sees our comings and our goings, our strengths and our weaknesses, our needs and our desires. God sees in us the potential we do not yet see in ourselves. I invite you to share your gifts out of the abundance that is God's vision for us!

Offertory Hymn: "God Who Lives to Life Its Goodness" (CP 428)

**1. God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
giver of all human freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy;
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King.**

**2. God who fills the earth with beauty,
god who binds each friend to friend,
giver of all human talent,
God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending,
all our acts by love refined.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us sing, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: "He Came Down" (CP 368)

- 1. He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love,
hallelujah for evermore.**
- 2. He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace,
hallelujah for evermore.**
- 3. He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy,
hallelujah for evermore.**

The Dismissal (*Roger Farrier*)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!