

Pentecost 7

12 July 2015

*The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church
Hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their aid to T-setting.*

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people stand for the entrance of the Bible.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**who in Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
that is available throughout the whole of time and space.**

Let us pray.

God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings, we come to praise you.
**We come because we want to, we sing our songs because we are glad to,
we pray for your grace because we need to, and we ask for the love of
Christ in our hearts because without it we are a dead loss.**

Please lift every shutter within our mind, and open every door within our
soul, that you, the Lord of glory, the God of countless hosts, may come in.
Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts. Amen.

HYMN 557 Praise to the Holiest

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our world is one world, what touches one affects us all:
the seas that wash us round about, the clouds that cover us,
the rains that fall.

Our world is one world, the thoughts we think affect us all:
the way we build our attitudes, with love or hate, we make a bridge or wall.

A time of silent reflection on our thoughts and actions this past week.

We pray:

**Forgive us our wrong doing as we forgive the wrong done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
And from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Jesus Christ we have redemption and the forgiveness of our sins,
for in the richness of his grace Christ determined to save us
even at the cost of his own life-blood. Friends, our sins are forgiven
Thanks be to God. Amen

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM Let my prayer come up John Blow 1649-1708

The children are invited to go out to the lounge for special activities

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May God bless to us the hearing of the Word, that we may not be hearers
only but also doers of the Word.

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof
the world, and they that dwell therein.
- 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods.
- 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord
or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart who hath not lifted up his soul
unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(printed inside front cover of hymn book)*

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 598 There's a wideness in God's mercy

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go out, and live lives that glorify God.

Act with integrity.

Do not sell yourself out to delusions or give your word deceitfully.
Stand up for the truth and rejoice in the Lord.

And may God give you all the blessings of heaven;
May Christ Jesus gather you into his family;
and may the Holy Spirit deliver you safely
into the rich destiny prepared for God's people. **Amen**

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude,
or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.*

POSTLUDE Desseins éternels (Eternal designs)
Olivier Messiaen 1908-1992
"God, in his love, destined us for adoption
as his children through Jesus Christ,
to the praise of his glorious grace." Ephesians 1: 5-6

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

Presiding Minister	Rev Vikki Waller
Scripture Reader	Genty Stevens
Organist and Choir Director	Peter Kelsall
Organ Scholar	Alexander Paine

The Choir of Pilgrim Church
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*Please join us for tea and coffee and fellowship in the lounge
after the service.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of money, time and labour embody our desire to share and contribute to your mission in the world. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Bruce Prewer)

Let us pray to the holy Friend whose faithfulness is forever sure.

Let us pray for the rich and powerful, that they may discover the joy of giving and forgiving, of loving justice and mercy, and walking humbly with their Maker. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those with hard hearts and closed minds, that they may encounter the grace of Christ which opens doors and softens even the most obdurate spirit. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the bitter and vengeful, that they may strike free from the chains of their anger and find the wonderful liberty of the children of God. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our weaker sisters and brothers, those whom we push aside in our rush to get what we want, that they may learn to stand up for themselves and rebuke us. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the bedraggled souls who have been robbed of their self respect, that they may be cherished by folk who see Christ in very human face. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those whose lives are at the mercy of guns and bombs, that all lovers of justice and peace may find sure ways towards reconciliation and peace. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those whose eternal spirits have been plundered and corrupted by the gross materialism of this age, that they make wake up to their plight. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the sick and the dying, the fearful and the sorrowing, that the encouragement of the Holy Spirit may be theirs through long days and dark nights. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the holy, universal church, that we may remember whose sacred name we bear and whose loving service to the world we are called to share. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Christ Jesus and our God, as you gather up our prayers into your immense wisdom and love, use every bit of faith and love within us to honour you as we respect and love one another. In the name of Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

6 This is the generation of them that seek him
that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory it is the Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Please stand for the concluding Gloria

**Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:
and / to the / Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever / shall be
world without / end / A / men**

SECOND READING Ephesians 1: 3-14

In this is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Verleih uns Frieden

(Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace)

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

Please stand for and face the gospel

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord

GOSPEL READING Mark 6: 14-29

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN 30 Lift up your heads Tune: Church triumphant (349)

SERMON

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 435 Glorious things of thee are spoken

*During the singing of this hymn your offering will be received.
Remain standing for the dedication prayer.*