

12th May 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter

□ Hymn (42) **□**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You. Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us Your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us Your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us Your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come.

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□ Hymn (650) **□**

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
there is no shadow of
turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been,
Thou for ever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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□ Hymn (569) **□**

The kingdom of God is justice and joy, for Jesus restores what sin would destroy; God's power and glory in Jesus we know, and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace, the captives are freed, the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share, and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice, believe the good news, repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners brought Christ to His cross, our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole; the heirs of the kingdom shall answer His call, and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

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\square Chant (CAHON 943) \square

O - Surrexit Christus, Alleluia!
O - Cantate Domino, Alleluia!
Christ arose, Alleluia!
Sing to the Lord, Alleluia!

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□ Hymn (725) **□**

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love. Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord; and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

O Master, grant that I may never seek, so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life
let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness,
let me bring Your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek, so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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□ Hymn (238) **□**

Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine, and visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing; true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till we become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434); trans. Richard F. Littledale (1833-1890)