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12<sup>th</sup> May Seventh Sunday of Easter

## **HYMNS:** 516 186 494 870

# **INTROIT:** Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of wicked people, or stand in the path of sinners, or sit in the seat of scoffers.

But his delight is in the Law of the LORD, and on His Law he meditates day and night.

He will be like a tree planted by streams of water, which produces its fruit in its season, and has leaves that do not wither; and whatever he does will prosper.

The ungodly are not like that, but are like the chaff that the wind blows away.

Therefore wicked people will not stand up in the judgment, or sinners in the assembly of righteous people.

For the LORD knows the way of righteous people, but the way of wicked people will perish.

**COLLECT:** O king of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation, but send us the Spirit of truth, whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## READINGS

Acts 1:12-26Matthias chosen to replace Judas.1 John 5:9-15The believer has God's testimony in himself.John 17:11b-19Jesus' prayer for His apostles.

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#### Acts 1:12-26

<sup>12</sup> Then they went back to Jerusalem from what was called "the Mount of Olives," which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

<sup>13</sup> When they entered, they went to the second-floor room where they were staying. There were Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew; James, the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas, the son of James. <sup>14</sup> With one mind these all kept praying together, along with the women, Mary the mother of Jesus and His brothers.

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the disciples (the number of persons all together was about a hundred and twenty) and he said, <sup>16</sup> "Men, brothers, the passage of Scripture that the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David about Judas had to be fulfilled. He served as a guide for the men who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> For Judas had been counted as one of us and had received his portion in this ministry. <sup>18</sup> With the reward that he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field. He fell headlong and burst open in the middle and all his intestines poured out. <sup>19</sup> All those who live in Jerusalem have heard about it;, and so that piece of land is called 'Akel-Dama' in their language, that is, 'Field of Blood.' <sup>20</sup> For Scripture has said in the book of Psalms: 'Let his home be deserted and let there be no one who lives in it!' and 'Let someone else take **his position of oversight**!'<sup>21</sup> Therefore, there must be one of the men who have accompanied us all through the time when the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> one of these men who have been with us, beginning with the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken up from us, to be a witness with us of His resurrection."

<sup>23</sup> They proposed two men: Joseph, called "Barsabbas," who was also known as "Justus," and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, "Lord, You know the hearts of all. Show which of these two You have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take over the position of this ministry and office of apostle, from which Judas has transgressed, to go to his own place!"

<sup>26</sup> They cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias, and he was chosen by vote to be added to the eleven apostles.

## 1 John 5:9-15

<sup>9</sup> If we receive the testimony of human beings, the testimony of God is greater, because this is the testimony of God, which He has given about His Son. <sup>10</sup> The person who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. The person who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the

testimony that God has given about His Son. <sup>11</sup> This is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup> The person who has the Son has life. The person who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup> I am writing these things to you that you, who believe in the name of the Son of God, may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup> This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask for anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup> If we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we also know that we have from Him the requests that we have made.

#### John 17:11b-19

<sup>11b</sup> Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name that You have given Me, that they may be one, as We are one! <sup>12</sup> While I have been with them, I have kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have watched over them, and none of them has been lost except the one who will be lost, that the Scripture may be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> Now I am coming to You and I say these things while I am in the world, that they may have a full measure of My joy in them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them Your Word, but the world has hated them, because they do not belong to the world, as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask You to take them out of the world but to keep them from the Evil One. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Make them holy by the truth! Your Word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You have sent Me into the world, I have also sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For their sakes I set Myself apart as holy, that they also may be set apart as holy by the truth.

## GOD'S TESTIMONY IS THAT WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE IN HIS SON Sermon for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 2024 1 John 5:9-15

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

The text for our sermon today is the Second Reading from before, 1 John 5:9-15: Lord God, heavenly Father, sanctify us through Your truth, Your Word is truth. Amen. Dear friends in Christ,

John was an eyewitness to the risen Lord Jesus, and in his Letter, he bears witness to the life God has given us through the death and resurrection of His Son.

John began his Letter by saying: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched, concerning the Word of Life  $^2$  and the Life has been

revealed; and we have seen It, testify to It and proclaim to you the eternal Life that was with the Father and that has been revealed to us. <sup>3</sup> What we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, that you also may have fellowship with us" (1:1-4). Now, as we come to the end of this Letter, John makes it clear that the eternal life he bears witness to is not just a matter of his or any man's testimony but God's own testimony. John writes: "If we receive the testimony of human beings, the testimony of God is greater, because this is the testimony of God, which He has given about His Son. <sup>10</sup> The person who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. The person who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given about His Son. <sup>11</sup> This is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son."

"Testimony" is the key word here and has to do with a solemn telling of the truth in a very important matter. That's how we use the word, <u>even in civil affairs</u>. A person is called upon to give testimony in a court of law when an important matter is at stake. The person is sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and when that person's testimony is then borne out by two or three other witnesses, all saying the same thing, <u>we accept that testimony as true</u>.

How much more, then, when it comes to the testimony of God! That's how John runs his argument in our text: "If we receive the testimony of human beings, the testimony of God is greater, because this is the testimony of God, which He has given about His Son." This is not just the testimony of this or that man but of God Himself, and the testimony concerns not some trivial matter or even a matter of relative importance for the affairs of this life. Rather, <u>it is</u> <u>God's testimony about His Son</u>. That makes this testimony of the utmost importance to everyone who hears it, including all who hear God speaking today.

God testifies about His Son and has borne this testimony, or witness, in <u>multiple forms</u>. Last week, we heard John tell us, in the verses before our text, of a threefold witness: "*There are three who are giving witness: the Spirit, the water and the blood*" (v. 7-8). The Spirit, the water, and the blood - three witnesses - all confirm that the man Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. He came down from heaven *in the flesh*. He was attested to as the Christ, the Spirit-anointed Messiah, and as God's beloved Son at His baptism in the water of the Jordan. He accomplished His messianic mission by His sacrificial death on the cross, shedding His holy blood as the price that sets us free from sin and death. The Spirit then bears witness to this saving truth through preaching the Gospel.

That, in sum, is God's testimony, confirmed by the three witnesses of the Spirit, the water, and the blood.

We believers in Christ, we who trust in Him as our Saviour, have had this testimony *internalised* in us. As John says, "**The person who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself**." We have heard God's testimony concerning His Son and have received it. This is the Holy Spirit's work, which creates and nurtures faith in our hearts. In the words of the Catechism, we can say: "*The Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith*." We have God's testimony within us, telling us that this word is the truth.

However, not all people believe this word. John writes how, "The person who does not believe God has made Him a liar because he has not believed the testimony that God has given about His Son."

<u>This describes our world</u>. We are surrounded by unbelief on every side. God gives His testimony and message concerning His Son, and <u>men reject it</u>. In so doing, they are calling God a liar. It's not just the word of a preacher they're rejecting, *it is the Word of God*. When men have God's testimony come into their ears, telling them to repent and to believe in Christ for the forgiveness of sins, telling them they need God's Son more than anything else - when people are given this testimony and they reject it, when they say, "*No thanks, God, I don't need what You're giving me*," however nice they may say it, however nice those people seem - <u>in reality, they are shaking their fist at God and calling Him a liar</u>. They think they know better than God!

This unbelief can come in many forms. A blatant example would be the atheist, who proudly defies God and denies His Word. Also blatant are the heretics who claim to be Christian but deny the deity of Christ, groups like the Mormons and the Jehovah's Witnesses. Here, the words of our text apply: **"The person who has the Son has life. The person who does not have the Son of God does not have life.**" If a group does not confess Christ Jesus as the divine, eternal Son of God in the flesh, they do not have life. They are a dead, false, heretical religion.

But there are more subtle forms of distancing oneself from God's testimony. For example, many people pay lip-service to God <u>but keep Him and His Word at arm's length</u>. They do not want to hear the message that God wants to tell them. That includes people in our day who talk about "spirituality," saying that they're "spiritual but not religious." But that is a spirituality *without* the Holy Spirit, who always bears witness to Jesus. These people say they don't need the church and what it has to offer. But that is impossible because <u>God has</u>

<u>committed the testimony concerning His Son to the church</u>. So, without the church, you don't get God's testimony because the Gospel testimony *is delivered through preaching and the sacraments*. This is God's plan, and there is no Plan B.

Another subtle way to escape God's testimony is when churches change their practice to fit popular desires.

Such churches mute the message that God wants to have ringing clear as a bell. Christ crucified is simply assumed and taken for granted. The message of the cross becomes a side note instead of the centrepiece. This is pop Christianity, a 'lite' Christianity with peppy performances and plenty of programs but not much of the real Jesus. They think that the historical practice of the church, in preaching, liturgy, and the singing of hymns - they think all that stuff is outmoded and boring, and what you've got to have instead is <u>cutting-edge coolness</u>. But that sort of thinking only leads people away from the truth of God's testimony.

So, we always come back to the truth, the true testimony that God wants us to receive and to build our lives on. John writes: "This is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup> The person who has the Son has life. The person who does not have the Son of God does not have life." This is why it is so important that we receive God's testimony concerning His Son because there is eternal life in Him and in no other. Nothing else will save us from our sins. No one else can rescue us from the grave. Will our goodness do it? Will our spirituality? No, the Law of God requires us to love God with our whole hearts and to love our neighbour as ourselves. And none of us do that well enough. God's Law, therefore, convicts us and condemns us to death. We need help from outside ourselves. We need the one, all-encompassing help that God Himself has provided, and that is the eternal life God has given us in His Son. God has loved us so much that, in spite of our sins and trying to be our own god - in spite of that, God, out of the abundance of His mercy, sent His own Son to win for us eternal life. Christ Jesus took all our sins into His body and died on the cross as our Substitute, paying the price we could never pay. What a gift! Christ's righteousness, in exchange for our sin! His death gives us life, even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins. His life is given to us as a gift. It is Christ's resurrection life, life that conquers the grave, Easter life, everlasting, eternal life. This life is in God's Son, so we shall be where Christ is. And risen from the dead, Christ now has ascended into heaven to live and reign forevermore. So, therefore, we shall join Him, for our lives have been joined to Jesus, all we who have been baptised into Christ and believe in Him. The eternal life He gives us will be life freed from sorrow and filled with joy forever.

Eternal life in His Son is the gift God has provided for us and the whole world. This is God's testimony to all men in the one saving Gospel. <u>It is the one and only truth that can give life to mortal sinners</u>. You know, there are only two religions in the world, one true and one false. There is true Christianity, the Gospel of God's Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, and then there is everything else, all the other religions and so-called spiritualities. They are all variations on the same theme. It is the Big Lie that we can be our own god and save ourselves. You see, contrary to popular belief, there are not many roads that lead to God. <u>There is only one</u>. It is the path Christ blazed when He went the way of the cross, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven. "*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life,*" says the Lord Jesus, "*No one comes to the Father except through Me*" (John 14:6). It's really this simple: "**The person who has the Son has life. The person who does not have the Son of God does not have life**."

Dear friends, you have eternal life because you have God's Son! Or rather, <u>He</u> <u>has you</u>! Christ Jesus, your Saviour, has you in the palm of His hand, and He will never let you go. By God's grace, you believe in Christ and trust Him for your eternal salvation. This sure and certain Easter hope will sustain you all your days, even though all the world around you believes the lie. You know the truth. God's Word is the truth, and the truth will set you free.<sup>1</sup> This is what St. John has been telling us in his Letter. This is what he wants you to know: "I am writing these things to you that you, who believe in the name of the Son of God, may know that you have eternal life." This is God's testimony. He wants you to know - to know with confidence and joy and a spring in your step - *that you have eternal life in His Son!* Amen.

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, our light and our salvation, we praise You for Your love and pity to all people. But we praise You especially for giving us Your only Son Jesus Christ, who has ascended in triumph to Your right hand and sits at Your right hand with all other authority subordinated to Him. We thank You for crowning Him with glory and honour because of His obedient life, His innocent suffering, His redeeming death, and His resurrection. You have made Him king over all and Lord of all things for the benefit of the Church. Grant that we too may continue to confess Him as Lord of our hearts and our only Saviour.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> John 8:32

Enable us through Your Holy Spirit to understand and know the things that belong to Your eternal kingdom. Comfort and strengthen us by Your heavenly truth. Stir our lives by Your Spirit, so that we may be ready to forgive others, love others as brothers and sisters, and be willing to help others generously and cheerfully. Keep us watchful and prayerful, so that we may not fall into temptation. If need be, give us the willingness to suffer for Jesus' sake. When testing comes, help us through Your Spirit to stand firm and steady, always busy in our work for You.

Renew all who serve in Your Church by Your gracious, powerful Spirit, that Christ may be consistently confessed, His cross uplifted, and His Gospel proclaimed as the only power that saves. Give grace and power to all pastors and missionaries, and warm love to all Your people, so that all may use their varied gifts to Your praise, through Jesus Christ.

Bless all parents, that they may give a good example to their children and encourage them in faith, godly living, daily study of Your Word, and a life of service to You and to all people.

Pour out Your Spirit on our nation, that our people may live in peaceful and pious homes, and may serve You in all godliness and honour. Give Your blessing to all who work with mind or hand, that they may do their tasks honestly and conscientiously, and receive both satisfaction and a proper reward for their service. Give true wisdom to all in government, that they may perform their duties in ways that please You.

Hear the prayers of all in trouble and suffering. In the quiet hours of the night when there is no one to share their burdens of pain, loneliness, and worry, give them Your strength and hope, and assure them of Your love, power, and constant presence.

We give to You, heavenly Father, and your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and to the Spirit of glory and of peace, all the praise for ever and ever. Amen.

## Article: "Christ has Established His Kingdom for Us."

Kingdoms exist to provide security and maintain order for a particular nation. Without a kingdom or government, anarchy breaks out, insecurity abounds, disorder deteriorates, and everything becomes unstable, leading to death, rape, theft, and utter chaos.

Kingdoms also sometimes exist to prop up the ego and narcissistic appetites of an evil tyrant. That is right; a tyrant can try to establish their personal kingdom through the abuse of power. Once established, they will often repress opposition and criticisms. They will violate human rights, exploit the economy, and use propaganda. Many times they will even expand their kingdom through military force, economic control, cultural manipulation, and the fear of the sword.

In the end, whether a kingdom is righteous or unrighteous and whether the leader is good or bad, kingdoms and leaders of the world all operate through earthly power. They all use earthly powers to establish, enforce, or expand their kingdoms. Again, kingdoms of the world primarily use power and force to establish, enforce, and expand their rule.

Hundreds of years ago, kingdoms did not have the luxury of chemical weapons, tanks, nuclear weapons, and guns; however, they still applied force. If you read Zechariah 9:9-12, you will hear about chariots, war horses, and battle bows. Like tanks, nuclear weapons, bombs, and missiles, these too were weapons of war. Chariots, war horses, and battle bows were used by worldly kingdoms to establish, enforce, and expand worldly kingdoms. Again, these things were instruments of force and power.

Now, with all of this mentioned, one would think that the Kingdom of God would implement the same tactics of force and power. One would think that Christ would apply the same power to usher in His kingdom that day long ago, as He entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. But remember how, instead of the chariots, battle horses, and battle bows, Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey with humility while branches were laid on the road. And so, at an initial glance, one may be led to say, "What a worthless kingdom of incredible weakness! This display of softness by Jesus will surely not establish any kind of kingdom. This meek entrance will not enforce any kind of rule or expand any kind of dominion. This puny kingdom will be a shortlived puff of sappy and sentimental drama, and that is it."

There are others who may say, though, "Perhaps this kingdom of Jesus has some good grassroots but needs a touch of power to make it work. Maybe if we get Jesus a battle horse instead of a donkey and a battle bow instead of palm branches, this kingdom might have some potential."

Tragically, this is often what happens to the Kingdom of God, even in our present day. You see, there are a whole host of people in our world right now trying to establish their visions of religious kingdoms in the name of God. We don't need to name them, but take your pick – there are radical groups all over the world who have visions of a religious kingdom in this world that can only be established, maintained, and expanded by the use of power and force. To the point; all of them are fighting for you and me to join their cause. All we must do is give of our resources and perhaps give of our blood, and then, with a bit of force, a utopic kingdom can be realised in our midst.

There is only one problem, though. God Almighty says quite clearly that those who put their trust in chariots and battle horses go the way of false hope. Indeed,

trusting in the power and force of chariots, war horses, and battle bows makes a person naïve at best and stupid at worst. Listen up; God tells us that we are delusional if we rely on battle horses for safety. We shall always be disappointed if we put our trust in the might of mankind to save us. Psalm 33:17 says, "The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue."

Consider, for a moment, all the great emerging kingdoms throughout every generation: the Assyrians ruled for 200 years in the Middle East, and the Babylonians ruled thereafter for many years. The Persian Empire, under Cyrus, soon became the largest empire of its time after that. Then, the Greeks emerged under Alexander the Great. And who can forget the Roman Empire that came after that? Let us not forget the Mongol Empire, the Russian Empire, the German Empire, and so forth. In other words, all of them were great, magnificent, and powerful kingdoms of force and power. Through force, bloodshed, chariots, war horses, battle bows, swords, bombs, and nuclear weapons, they became the greatest kingdoms of the world. However, there was just one problem: they all failed. Indeed, some put trust in chariots, and some put their assurance in battle horses, but in the end, they were misguided because every ruler and kingdom is like a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

So, what does this mean with respect to Christ Jesus and the Kingdom of God?

First, let us be perfectly clear that the kingdom of God does not need our help to be established, sustained, and advanced. Jesus intentionally came into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday long ago on a donkey. There were no great white horses, no flashing swords, and no military parade displaying earthly power. Instead, Jesus came into Jerusalem with complete meekness on a donkey. Indeed, in Christ, there were no earthly displays of power or force.

Now, it is important to pause and understand what the word 'meek' means. When we say that Jesus is meek, we are not saying that He is a coward or that He is insecure. No, when the Bible uses the word meek, it is not used in a bad sense. Instead, when the Bible uses the word meek, it means that a person is not easily moved to rage and anger by little insults. It means that a person is not easily ruffled or knocked off their guard by frantic fear and worry. It means that they are not easily irritated or provoked to loud, passionate reactions. Simply stated, the word meek means that a person is spiritually composed and strong.

So, in Christ, you have complete power and might. Yet, He does not display any earthly visible displays of this power and might. Why? Because His kingdom is not of this world.

Jesus does not need a military, etc., to establish, enforce, or expand His kingdom. He is not interested in propping up His ego or becoming a narcissistic tyrant who will exploit the economy or expand a kingdom through economic and cultural manipulation. He has no need of a chariot to conquer Rome; He does not need a sword of power to display His political might over Caesar. Listen now; Jesus chooses a donkey over a chariot, nails over a sword, a cross over a throne, thorns over a crown, and death over an earthly perishing kingdom. His kingdom is not of this world, for it is everlasting, not finite like all the other evaporating kingdoms of this world.

And so, God's kingdom does not need our help in being established. His kingdom does not need our force for it to be sustained. The Kingdom of God does not require our power for it to endure, for it has already been established through the life, death, and resurrection of the Son of God - Jesus Christ. This kingdom is an everlasting kingdom that has conquered death, neutered the evil one, and atoned for sin. At the end of the day, no earthly kingdom has ever been able to conquer sin, death, and the devil, which is why these kingdoms are not everlasting.

And so, we do not put our ultimate trust into kings, politicians, and rulers who cannot save us from sin, death, and the devil, for they do not have what it takes. When they die, their kingdoms die with them. But in Christ, when He died and rose, His kingdom was established forever – for you.

## Children's Message:

Here's a word for you to learn: "testimony." John tells us in 1 John 5:9, "*If we receive the testimony of human beings, the testimony of God is greater, because this is the testimony of God, which He has given about His Son.*" A "testimony" is about telling the truth, telling it like it is. For example, think of the cross on the altar in your church. A good testimony about that cross would be to say what it's made of, probably metal or wood, and it's about so high.



What if I told you that the item on the altar was actually pink, made of plastic, taller than I am, and shaped like a football? Would that be a good testimony? No!

What if lots and lots and lots of people said those silly things about that altar cross? Would



it start to look different? It doesn't matter, does it! No matter what lies people say about the altar cross, it's going to stay the same: made of metal or wood and so tall.

God gives us an important testimony. God gives us a true testimony about His Son, Jesus, who came to this world to live a perfect life for me and for you. He died on a cross with a shape very much like that cross on the altar, but much bigger, of course, and made of wood. He died to forgive your sins and mine. He rose from the dead and is in heaven, taking care of me and of you. As Christians, we tell others this testimony about Jesus. The story of Jesus is as real as that cross right there on the altar. Other people may say silly things about Jesus: that He didn't really rise from the dead, that He wasn't really God, or that He didn't even exist! However, that's a bad testimony. That's as silly as saying that the cross on the altar is pink and made of plastic!

No matter how many people tell lies about Jesus or believe silly things about Him, their lies still aren't true. Jesus really did die, and He really did rise, and we can trust this because the Bible is God's testimony and it's greater than anything we as humans can come up with.

The Bible tells us that Jesus loves you. And we get to share that wonderful testimony with everyone. Even if *they* think it's silly, we know it's still true. *Thank You, God, for testifying that Jesus is Your son and our Saviour. Help me to testify to others this wonderful truth. Amen.* 

19 May Pentecost	26 May Trinity Sunday	2 June AELC Mission Day Service
8.30am OAK LR 9.00am TMBA HC 9.00am GRN LR 10.45am AUB HC 9.00am LOWOOD LR	8.30am OAK HC 9.00am TMBA LR 9.30am AUB LR 10.15am GRN HC 9.00am MARBURG LR	10.00am LOWOOD HC 9.00am OAKEY LR
Sunday, 19 May		
READINGS: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21;		John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
HYMNS: 116 121 774 (306 313) 129		
Sunday, 26 May		
READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-8;	Acts 2:14a, 22-36;	John 3:1-17
HYMNS: 139 457 501 (333 842) 140		
Sunday, 2 June		
READINGS: Isaiah 62:1-7;	Romans 10:11-17;	Luke 24:44-53
HYMNS: 45 224 435 (430 622 LSB) 219		

Tuesday, 14 May, 7.30pm. Men's Fellowship at Oakey. Opening devotion: Jeff.

#### **BIBLE STUDIES:**

Wednesday, 22 May, 7.30pm Greenwood. Thursday, 23 May, 10.00am Lowood. Friday, 24 May, 7.30pm Oak/Aub at Aubigny. Sunday, 9 June, 8.00am Toowoomba.