

**ST. GEORGE'S EAST ST. KILDA
UNITING CHURCH**



**6th Sunday of Easter
17 May 2009**

"Work your true self, and you will find God within you."
(Florence Nightingale, born 12 May 1820, died 1910 and the founder of modern nursing.)

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude

Call to worship *(Please stand)*

M: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done
marvellous things;

P: **His right hand and his holy arm have worked
salvation for him.**

M: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant
song with music;

P: **make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp
and the sound of singing,**

M: with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn - shout for joy before the Lord, the King. Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

P: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

M: let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

P: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. (Psalm 98:1, 4-9)

Hymn 'Fill my whole life'

Welcome

M: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you**

Statement of purpose

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

M: Hear then Christ's word grace to us: your sins are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 10: 44 - 48

Nicole Davies, Victorian Branch Executive, Australian Nursing Federation

Choir 'You are the Music'

Dan Forrest

Gospel John 15: 9 - 17

Christine Smith, Royal College of Nursing Australia

The Word and the World "Nursing care with heart"

RESPONSE OF THANKS AND LOVE

Choir 'Ave Verum Corpus'

Philip Carmody

As the Choir sings, representatives of patients and carers bring a symbol of thanksgiving for Victorian nurses to place on the table.

Hymn 'Kneels at the feet of his friends'

An offering will be received to support the training and work of nurses in war-torn Sri Lanka.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts

Cardiac care nurses stand as their gifts of compassion and care are dedicated to God.

A token of community thanksgiving for cardiac care nurses is offered.

All nurses stand as their gifts of compassion and care are dedicated to God.

The congregation stands as the gifts of care for the Church and the world are dedicated.

Choir 'Cantique De Jean Racine'

Words Jean Racine

Music Gabriel Faure

Notices and Concerns of the Church

Prayers for joy and hope

Congregation members may come forward to light a taper as a symbol of solidarity and hope at one of the three stations:

- *In appreciation for compassionate nurses who have cared for the human person in both joyful and tough times.*
- *For people who need support and care in a time of illness.*
- *For caring family and friends who need strength and hope to endure times of darkness.*

L: O God, abide in the lives of all whom we name in our hearts.

P: Be with them, and renew them in love.

L: Reveal the fruits of your mercy in the midst of illness and vulnerability.

P: Be with us and be our strength, O God. *(silence)*

L: Make justice the heart of systems of care and healing.

P: Be with us and share our struggles, O God.

L: Lift us up on the wings of your Spirit.

P: Make us one with your compassionate love and abide in us for life and loving.

L: For your love is stronger than all the forces that stand against us.

P: Make us one with all whom we love, O God, whose joy is in human community and wholeness. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Hymn 'We are marching in the light of God'

Blessing

Organ postlude