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Liturgical Date: Year C, Easter 6, Sunday, 25th May 2025

Presenter: Rev Dr Mark Hillis

Focus Reading: John 5:1-9 and John 14:23-29

Message 6 minutes 15 seconds

“Do You Want to be Made Well?”

Discussion Starters

1. How would you describe the kind of peace that Jesus promises his friends in John 14:27?
2. ‘Do you want to be made well’ John 5:6. When you are sick or ailing, how would you react to Jesus’ question?
3. Imagine you are the man that is at the pool for 38 years. Write or tell a story about what happened in his life after his encounter with Jesus.
4. Where you live, outline the current concerns about health in the community. How is the Church involved locally with these concerns?

Readings for this day

Acts 16:9-15 Paul grasps that the gospel is meant not just for Semitic peoples but for other Mediterranean peoples, as well.

Psalms 67 The intention is for all people to revere God: “Let the people celebrate and shout for joy because you judge the nations fairly and guide all nations on earth” (v4).

Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5 The tree of life in the New Jerusalem will be replenished by the water of life flowing from God’s Throne; God’s purpose is realised, healing of all the nations.

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All Age Message: Rev Dr Mark Hillis

“Troubled Hearts”

Length 4 minutes 35 seconds

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With what had happened and what was to come the friends of Jesus certainly had “troubled hearts.” They were in for a big surprise! His promises did come true! He left the Holy Spirit among them so peace and composure would help them face all the struggles given to them.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 67 – 296-297

Rev Dr Mark Hillis

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