

STGEORGE'S

WESTCOMBE PARK



Altar to the Unknown God – 1st Century CE Greece

Online Worship

Easter 6A

Sunday 17th May 2020

Prelude: Sights and sounds of St George's Church entrance

Welcome

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

Refrain...

The purple-headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

Refrain...

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Refrain...

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
In thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Gloria in Excelsis

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Priest Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Acts 17: 22-31

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.”

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Revd Tim Yeager

Flute solo *From the Six Pieces (Debussy)*

Anna Williams

Profession of Faith

Priest: Let us affirm our faith together.

All: **We believe in God the Father,**

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The bidding is "Lord in your mercy" and the response is "Hear our prayer".

And at the end:

Leader: Merciful Father,

All: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

NOTICES

Final Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty.... **Amen**

Hymn: I, the Lord of sea and sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save

I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away

I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
Who will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **In the name of Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Organ Postlude

Joel Thomas

*Join us after the service for a **Virtual Coffee Hour** on Zoom. Click on [Coffee Hour](#) to join in the conversation, see and hear your friends as we share a biscuit and a cuppa. The passcode is **067016**. The link may also be found in the recent email newsletter, and on the [Online Worship Service](#) page of the St George's Website. People without an internet connection are invited to join a **Telephone Coffee Hour** by telephone conference. **Call 0333 2666 999, then when prompted enter 937626#.***

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Sundays: **11:00 a.m. Online Sunday Worship (YouTube)**
 11:30 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (via Zoom)
 12:00 noon Online Children's Church (via Zoom)

Tuesdays: **6:00 p.m. Online Choir Rehearsal (via Zoom)**

Wednesdays: **7:30 p.m. Online Study Group (via Zoom)**

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