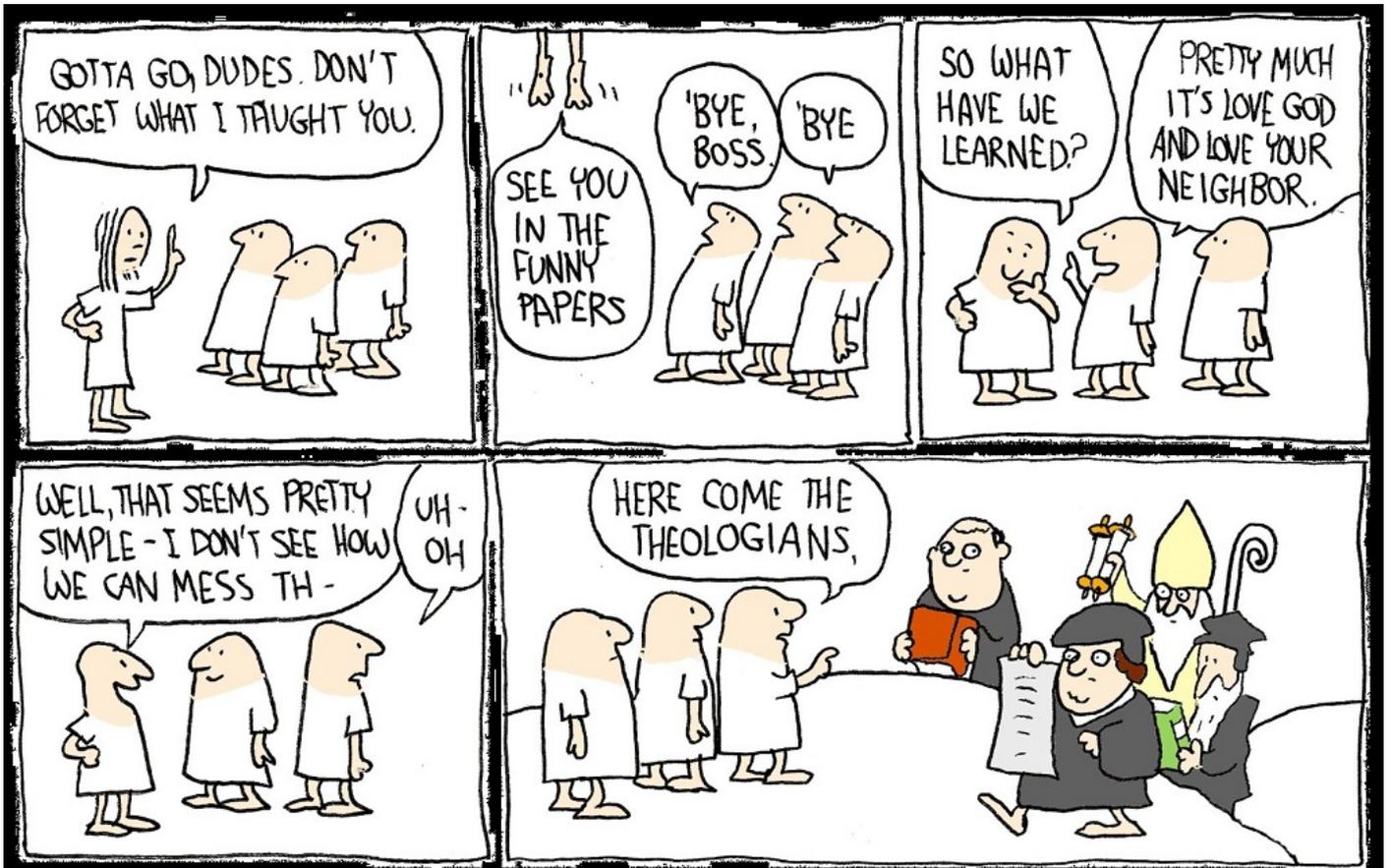


STGEORGE'S

WESTCOMBE PARK



Online Worship Service

Ascension Day

Thursday 21st May 2020

Prelude: The Church Bell at St George's

Welcome

Hymn: Jesus shall reign (359)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

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.**

The Ascension Reading (Acts 1:1-11)

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Reader: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Sermon

Revd Tim Yeager

Profession of Faith

Priest: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God with the words of the ancient hymn.

All: Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The bidding is "Lord, hear us" and the response is "Lord, graciously hear us".

And at the end:

Leader: Merciful Father,

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

NOTICES

Reading (Acts 1: 12, 13a, 14)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Silence is kept.

Responsory

As we wait in silence,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

The Blessing

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Hymn: My Jesus, My Saviour (461)

My Jesus, My Saviour
Lord there is none like You

All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love

My Comfort, My Shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord, all the earth
Let us sing. Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in
YOU!

DISMISSAL

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

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

Postlude: Sonata in A Major (3rd movement) CPE Bach

Geoffrey Duce

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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)

Mondays: 7:00 p.m. Telephone Chat Line (via Conferoo)

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

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

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