

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Come People of the Risen King

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our neighbour,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through negligence, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your 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.
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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 67 (pg. 480)

SONG: Blessed Be Your Name

READING: Acts 17:16-34 (pg. 926)

SERMON

PRAYERS

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

SONG: Behold the Lamb

COMMUNION

SONG: May the Peoples Praise You

BLESSING

NOTICES

Connect with us

If you're new at Grace Church or have been coming for a while, we'd love to connect. Sign up to our Newsletter or WhatsApp Group by scanning the QR code or emailing info@greenwich.church.



Grace Groups

We meet on Tuesdays at 8pm in Canada Water Library. Join us as we study God's word together in small groups, get to know each other and pray for one another.

Christianity Explored

We are offering a **Christianity Explored** course for anyone wishing to learn more about the Christian faith or revisit some of the basics. It's not too late to join on Tuesdays, 6.45 – 7.45pm. Sign up via

www.greenwich.church/christianityexplored

Summer Weekend Away – **Deadline today!**

Booking closes today for our Summer Weekend Away from 20th-22nd June at Ashburnham Place, Kent. Richard Coekin will be speaking on the book of Jonah. Everyone is welcome, bursaries are available.



Giving

Grace Church is fully funded by the donations of its members. See www.greenwich.church/give or set up a bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789) or to give tax efficiently contact treasurer@greenwich.church.

Next Sunday: Acts 18:1-23



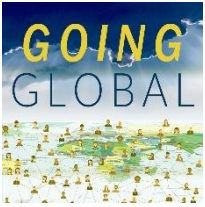
Welcome!

Sunday 1st June 2025

*“Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!”*

Psalm 67:3 (ESV)

Acts 17:16-34



Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the market-place every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way towards him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

“In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.”

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

What is God's message for the world?

1. The Reaction: Idolatry proves God and proclaiming Jesus is the answer (vv16-17)

2. The Message: Idolatry proves God and proclaiming Jesus is the answer (vv18-34)

“The one thing you know is that you don't know God” (vv22-23)

a) There's One Creator and Provider,
but we've belittled his sovereignty and grace (vv24-25)

b) We're made for relationship with Him,
but we treat Him like an object (vv26-29)

c) So come back to God before it's too late,
and Jesus' resurrection is the proof! (vv30-31)

Discussion Starters:

In what ways do we, or those around us, make “good-things into God-things”?

What might it look like in our situation to react to idolatry the way Paul does?