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| Sixth Sunday of Easter17 May 2020 |
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**WELCOME**

The Lord be with you
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Light a candle as a symbol of Christ’s presence with you, and to remind us that we are praying as a church family.*

**THE WORK OF THE LINK** – Liz Megson

**SIX QUESTIONS** – Trish Maude

**READING** – Acts 17.22-31 read by Steve Jones

**22**Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: ‘People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. **23**For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

**24**‘The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. **25**And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. **26**From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. **27**God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. **28**“For in him we live and move and have our being.”[ As some of your own poets have said, “We are his offspring.”

**29**‘Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by human design and skill. **30**In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. **31**For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.’

**SERMON** – Simon Taylor

**PRAYERS** – led by Mary Cooper

*During the prayers, this response will be used*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**COLLECT**

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:

help your Church to obey your command

and draw the nations to the fire of your love,

to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN** – sung by the Needle family

**We are marching in the light of God,**
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching,
Oo-ooh! we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching,
Oo-ooh! we are marching in the light of God.

*First verse again In Swahili:*
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos' *(x4)*
Siyahamba,

Oo-ooh! Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos' *(x2)*

We are living in the love of God …,

We are moving in the power of God …

**THE GRACE IN SWAHILI**

**Neema ya bwana wetu Yesu Kristo
na pendo wa Mungu
na ushirika wa Roho Mtakatifu
ukae nasi sote sasa
na hata milele.
Amin.**

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all now
and for evermore.
Amen.*

**CONCLUSION** – a message from Bishop James of Masasi