

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

**SONG:** Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

### CHILDREN'S TALK

### CONFESSION

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against you  
And against our fellow men,  
In thought and word and deed,  
In the evil we have done  
And in the good we have not done,  
Through ignorance, 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 leave for Sunday School & Crèche)

### COMMISSIONING OF GRACE GROUP LEADERS

**SONG:** No Other Name

**SONG:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**READING:** Job 19

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

**SONG:** Everlasting God

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## NOTICES

### Autumn Weekend Away

We do hope you will be able to join us at Ashburnham Place for our Autumn Weekend Away from the 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> October. We are delighted that Christopher Ash will be speaking on the Psalms. The booking deadline is 19<sup>th</sup> September, go to [www.greenwich.church/weekend-away](http://www.greenwich.church/weekend-away) for details on how to book. If you need financial assistance to attend, please speak to Sam Wilde ([treasurer@greenwich.church](mailto:treasurer@greenwich.church)). If you'd like to contribute to the Fellowship Fund which supports those who need assistance, please donate at [www.greenwich.church/give](http://www.greenwich.church/give).

### Grace Groups

Our small group Bible studies return this Wednesday at 7:45pm for 8pm start in the King William building, Greenwich. If you are not in a group and would like to be, speak to Andrew Sach or Andrew Latimer. This term we'll be looking at the book of Ephesians.

### People Not Pronouns

This is an event in partnership with local churches on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at St John's, Blackheath. Andrew Bunt from Living Out will be speaking on how Christians should respond to the transgender debate. Come at 7:45pm for an 8pm start.

*Next Sunday: 19<sup>th</sup> September - Job 28*



# GRACE CHURCH GREENWICH

## Welcome!

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

*“What then shall we say to these things?  
If God is for us, who can be against us?”*

*Romans 8:31 (ESV)*

# Job 19

Then Job answered and said:

- <sup>2</sup> “How long will you torment me and break me in pieces with words?  
<sup>3</sup> These ten times you have cast reproach upon me;  
are you not ashamed to wrong me?  
<sup>4</sup> And even if it be true that I have erred, my error remains with myself.  
<sup>5</sup> If indeed you magnify yourselves against me and make my disgrace an argument against me,  
<sup>6</sup> know then that God has put me in the wrong and closed his net about me.  
<sup>7</sup> Behold, I cry out, ‘Violence!’ but I am not answered;  
I call for help, but there is no justice.  
<sup>8</sup> He has walled up my way, so that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness upon my paths.  
<sup>9</sup> He has stripped from me my glory and taken the crown from my head.  
<sup>10</sup> He breaks me down on every side, and I am gone, and my hope has he pulled up like a tree.  
<sup>11</sup> He has kindled his wrath against me and counts me as his adversary.  
<sup>12</sup> His troops come on together; they have cast up their siege ramp against me and encamp round my tent.  
<sup>13</sup> “He has put my brothers far from me, and those who knew me are wholly estranged from me.  
<sup>14</sup> My relatives have failed me, my close friends have forgotten me.  
<sup>15</sup> The guests in my house and my maidservants count me as a stranger; I have become a foreigner in their eyes.  
<sup>16</sup> I call to my servant, but he gives me no answer;  
I must plead with him with my mouth for mercy.

- <sup>17</sup> My breath is strange to my wife, and I am a stench to the children of my own mother.  
<sup>18</sup> Even young children despise me; when I rise they talk against me.  
<sup>19</sup> All my intimate friends abhor me, and those whom I loved have turned against me.  
<sup>20</sup> My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.  
<sup>21</sup> Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me!  
<sup>22</sup> Why do you, like God, pursue me? Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?  
<sup>23</sup> “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock for ever!  
<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!  
<sup>28</sup> If you say, ‘How we will pursue him!’ and, ‘The root of the matter is found in him’,  
<sup>29</sup> be afraid of the sword, for wrath brings the punishment of the sword, that you may know there is a judgement.”



Introduction: Whom do you turn to first in a crisis?

- 1) When you suffer, it can feel like God is against you (vv1-22)

- 2) But God is for the Christian, and this is how we know... (vv23-27)

- we have a Redeemer
- he lives and will return
- we will meet him again beyond death
- I will meet him again beyond death
- Everything will be ok

- 3) “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (vv28-29; cf. Romans 8:31)

- God is against me! Friends, please be for me (vv21-22)
- “I know that my Redeemer lives” (v23-37)
- God is for me! Friends, beware of being against me (vv28-29)

## ASIDE: Life after death in the Old Testament

- 1 Kings 17:17-24;
- 2 Kings 4:18-37; 13:21
- Psalms 16:10; 49:15; 73:23-26
- Isaiah 25:7-8; 26:19
- Ezekiel 37
- Daniel 12:1-2
- Genesis 22
- cf. Hebrews 11:17-19
- Exodus 3:6 cf. Mark 12:18-27

## COFFEE QUESTION:

How will Jesus’ death and resurrection make a difference when you suffer?