

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

**SONG:** Resurrection Hymn

### 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 and Crèche)

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Daniel 7:13-14

**SONG:** Ancient Of Days

**SONG:** Living Hope

**READING:** Acts 7:54 – 8:4 (pg. 916)

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

**Q&A:** Text questions to 07520 632 065

**SONG:** Crown Him With Many Crowns

### BLESSING

## NOTICES

### Jesus: A Sceptic's Guide: 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March

Glen Scrivener will be speaking on both Sundays. Visit [www.greenwich.church/sg22](http://www.greenwich.church/sg22) for details of events, including Student pizza night (Wed); Music and Movement for Mums and Children ages 0-3 (Thu); Spring wreath-making for women (Fri) and a Chess Tournament (Fri).

### Summer Camps 2022

If you'd like to serve on a summer camp this year, here are details of some camps that Grace Church members will be serving on:

*22<sup>nd</sup> Jul-1<sup>st</sup> Aug:* LDN Senior B,

Northamptonshire, contact Andrew Latimer.

*30<sup>th</sup> Jul-6<sup>th</sup> Aug & 7<sup>th</sup> Aug- 15<sup>th</sup> Aug:* InterAction

France, Pays de la Loire, contact Michaela May.

*31<sup>st</sup> Jul-7<sup>th</sup> Aug:* Maidwell 1 @ Oswestry,

Shropshire, contact Ben Woodbridge.

*6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Aug:* Orwell 3, Suffolk, contact Jono Pick.

### Grace Groups: Wednesdays, 8pm

Our small group Bible studies meet at the King William Building, Greenwich. This week we will be looking at Exodus 15:22-17:16. Food will be available from 7pm.

### Bitesize Theology: Wednesdays, 7.15pm

Don't miss the final episode of 2022 on "the Holy Spirit, Revelation and Assurance", happening immediately before Grace Groups downstairs in the King William Building.

### Spring Weekend Away: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May

To book your place before 10<sup>th</sup> April deadline, visit [www.greenwich.church/weekend-away](http://www.greenwich.church/weekend-away).

### Giving

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*Next Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March: John 20:11-18*



## Welcome!

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

*“And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened,  
and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”*

*Acts 7:56 (ESV)*

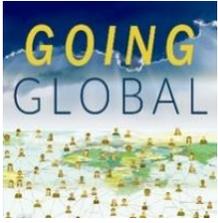
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## Acts 7:54-8:4



<sup>54</sup>Now when [the council] heard [Stephen's testimony] they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.

<sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand

of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**8** And Saul approved of his execution.

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. <sup>2</sup>Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup>But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

<sup>4</sup>Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.

**How should the church relate to a society which doesn't share its worldview?**

1. Suffering for Jesus is a victory not a defeat (7:54-60)

we receive Jesus' approval

we get to walk in Jesus' footsteps

we get to witness to his exaltation

2. ...and it's part of God's strategy for reaching the world (8:1-4)

### COFFEE QUESTIONS:

In what ways might it be costly if we were more public about our faith?

What difference would it make if we believed that suffering for Jesus is a victory not a defeat?