

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: How Great Is Our God

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 go to Sunday School and Crèche)

REFLECTIONS ON THE LIFE AND DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

SONG: Mighty To Save

SONG: Speak O Lord

READING: Luke 3:1-20 (pg. 858)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: I Surrender All

BLESSING

NOTICES

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If you're new at Grace Church,
or wanting to be more involved,
we'd love to hear from you.
Scan the QR code or email
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TONIGHT - Student Welcome Evening

All students are welcome to attend an evening of pizza making and fun as we kick off the year together at 7pm this evening. Speak to Jono if you'd like to come.

THIS WEEK - Grace Groups restart

We'd encourage everyone to be part of a midweek group, meeting at 7:45pm – 9:15pm in the King William Building, Greenwich (Tuesday or Wednesday) or the Chantry, Mottingham (Wednesday). If we already know you're coming, please check the poster to see where we've placed you. If you'd like to join, please speak to Fiona after the service or just show up.

Newcomer's Meals

If you would like to go to a member's house for a Sunday meal, or you'd like to host someone, contact naomi.pick@greenwich.church.

Giving

Grace Church is funded wholly by the donations of its members. To support our work and give tax efficiently please email treasurer@greenwich.church (40-52-40 / 00027789) or visit www.greenwich.church/give

Autumn Weekend Away

Join us at Ashburnham Place 14th-16th October. Scan the QR code or visit greenwich.church/weekend-away to book your place now!



Bookings close this Wednesday.



Welcome!

Sunday 11th September 2022

*“Well done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful over a little;
I will set you over much.
Enter into the joy of your master.”*

Matthew 25:23 (ESV)

Next Sunday, 18th September: Luke 3:21-38

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Luke 3:1-20 (ESV)

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

1. The Lord's arrival is monumental and brings global salvation

2. ...so we must repent

humbly, urgently and concretely

3. ...because the final division starts now

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

In what ways does our culture try to relativise the importance of Jesus and his salvation, and what difference would it make to our lives if we truly accepted the bible's teaching? In what ways are we inclined to avoid God's call to us to repent, and how does this passage help us?