

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Every Promise

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.
Common Worship, © The Archbishops' Council of
the Church of England, 2000-2006

NOTICES

(Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

SONG: Jesus, My Strength, My Hope

SONG: Behold the Power of His Word

READING: 1 Samuel 24:1-22 (pg. 246)

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

Q&A – www.pigeonhole.at

Password: SAMUEL

SONG: Yes and Amen

BLESSING

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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

...are a key part of our church life. We meet weekly to study the Bible, pray and have fellowship. Join us on Tuesdays at 8pm in Canada Water Library or the Chantry in Eltham, and Wednesdays at 8pm in Greenwich. *For more details, speak to a member of the team.*

Upcoming Events

25th January, **Investing in Marriage**
St. Helen's Bishopsgate



1st February, **Parenting Morning**
(older years), King William Building Greenwich

1st February, **Lunar New Year Lunch**

For more details and to sign up for those events, scan the QR code or visit www.greenwich.church/events

Giving

Grace Church is funded wholly 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: 2 Samuel 15-17

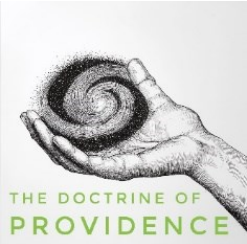


Welcome!

Sunday 19th January 2025

***“Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!”
Psalm 27:14 (ESV)***

1 Samuel 24



When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi."² Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Wildgoats' Rocks.³ And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave.⁴ And the men of David said to him, "Here is the day

of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.'" Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe.⁵ And afterwards David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe.⁶ He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD's anointed."⁷ So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.

⁸ Afterwards David also arose and went out of the cave, and called after Saul, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth and paid homage.⁹ And David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of men who say, 'Behold, David seeks your harm?'"¹⁰ Behold, this day your eyes have seen how the LORD gave you today into my hand in the cave. And some told me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not put out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD's anointed.'¹¹ See, my father, see the corner of your robe in my hand. For by the fact that I cut off the corner of your robe and did not kill you, you may know and see that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you hunt my life to take it.¹² May the LORD judge between me and you, may the LORD avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you.¹³ As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Out of the wicked comes wickedness.' But my hand shall not be against you.¹⁴ After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog! After a flea!¹⁵ May the LORD therefore be judge and give sentence between me and you, and see to it and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand."

¹⁶ As soon as David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.¹⁷ He said to David, "You are more righteous than I, for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil."¹⁸ And you have declared this day how you have dealt well with me, in that you did not kill me when the LORD put me into your hands.¹⁹ For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safe? So may the LORD reward you with good for what you have done to me this day.²⁰ And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.²¹ Swear to me therefore by the LORD that you will not cut off my offspring after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house."²² And David swore this to Saul. Then Saul went home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

Q. What do you understand by the **providence of God**?

- A. God's providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

[Heidelberg Catechism, 1563]

1) Providence means that the end never justifies the means

2) Providence means we should wait for God's purposes to be fulfilled...

3) ... even if it's a long and scary wait

Discussion Starter:

How can we get better at waiting?