

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Only A Holy God

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.
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NOTICES

(Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

BOOK SLOT

SONG: Holy, Holy, Holy!

SONG: Behold Our God

READING: Genesis 29:31-30:13 (pg. 24)

SERMON: Genesis 30:14-24 (pg. 23)

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

SONG: Sovereign Over Us

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

17-19th January, **Students & Young Adults**

Weekend Away

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

1st February, **Parenting** Morning (older years)

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

To sign up for any of these events, see our newsletter or contact info@greenwich.church.

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: Genesis 30:25-31:16



Welcome!

Sunday 12th January 2025

***“And we know that for those who love God
all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.”
Romans 8:28 (ESV)***

Genesis 29:31-30:24



³¹ When the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. ³² And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben,^[a] for she said, “Because the Lord has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me.” ³³ She conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also.” And she called his name Simeon.^[b] ³⁴ Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, “Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” Therefore his name was called Levi.^[c] ³⁵ And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “This time I will praise the Lord.” Therefore she called his name Judah.^[d] Then she ceased bearing.

³⁰ When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, “Give me children, or I shall die!” ² Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, “Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?” ³ Then she said, “Here is my servant Bilhah; go in to her, so that she may give birth on my behalf,^[e] that even I may have children^[f] through her.” ⁴ So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her. ⁵ And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. ⁶ Then Rachel said, “God has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son.” Therefore she called his name Dan.^[g] ⁷ Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. ⁸ Then Rachel said, “With mighty wrestlings^[h] I have wrestled with my sister and have prevailed.” So she called his name Naphtali.^[i]

⁹ When Leah saw that she had ceased bearing children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. ¹⁰ Then Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son. ¹¹ And Leah said, “Good fortune has come!” so she called his name Gad.^[j] ¹² Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. ¹³ And Leah said, “Happy am I! For women have called me happy.” So she called his name Asher.^[k]

¹⁴ In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, “Please give me some of your son's mandrakes.” ¹⁵ But she said to her, “Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?” Rachel said, “Then he may lie with you tonight in exchange for your son's mandrakes.” ¹⁶ When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, “You must come in to me, for I have hired you with my son's mandrakes.” So he lay with her that night. ¹⁷ And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. ¹⁸ Leah said, “God has given me my wages because I gave my servant to my husband.” So she called his name Issachar.^[l]

¹⁹ And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son. ²⁰ Then Leah said, “God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honour me, because I have borne him six sons.” So she called his name Zebulun.^[m] ²¹ Afterwards she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.

²² Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. ²³ She conceived and bore a son and said, “God has taken away my reproach.” ²⁴ And she called his name Joseph,^[n] saying, “May the Lord add to me another son!”

a. *Reuben* means *See, a son* b. *Simeon* sounds like the Hebrew for *heard* c. *Levi* sounds like the Hebrew for *attached* d. *Judah* sounds like the Hebrew for *praise* e. Hebrew *on my knees* f. Hebrew *be built up*, which sounds like the Hebrew for *children* g. *Dan* sounds like the Hebrew for *judged* h. Hebrew *With wrestlings of God* i. *Naphtali* sounds like the Hebrew for *wrestling* j. *Gad* sounds like the Hebrew for *good fortune* k. *Asher* sounds like the Hebrew for *happy* l. *Issachar* sounds like the Hebrew for *wages*, or *hire* m. *Zebulun* sounds like the Hebrew for *honour* n. *Joseph* means *May he add*, and sounds like the Hebrew for *taken away*

Where can we find true hope?

1. In the midst of our sinful mess...

2. the Lord is faithful to his promises

and compassionate to his children

Discussion Starters:

What things make you anxious as you head into a new year?

How does the Lord's character give you hope?