

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Ancient of Days

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)

SONG: A Mighty Fortress

SONG: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-3:10 (pg.986)

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

SONG: He Will Hold Me Fast

BLESSING

NOTICES

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If you're new at Grace Church, we'd love to connect. Sign up to our Newsletter or WhatsApp Group by scanning the QR code or emailing info@greenwich.church



Christianity Explored

Wednesdays, 8pm at the King William Building, Greenwich, (June – July):
An informal and relaxed course for anyone who would like to go over the foundations of the Christian Faith. Speak to a member of staff or sign up via greenwich.church/christianityexplored

Cornhill Summer School

1st – 5th of July, near Elephant & Castle - 5 days to grow in your understanding of God's word and how to communicate it to others. See our newsletter or e-mail info@greenwich.church to find out more.

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Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10

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Welcome!

Sunday 16th June 2024

*“Now may the God of peace
himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul
and body be kept blameless at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful;
he will surely do it.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (ESV)

1 Thessalonians 2:13-3:10

¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. ¹⁴ For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, ¹⁵ who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind ¹⁶ by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

¹⁷ But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavoured the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, ¹⁸ because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹ For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

3 Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, ² and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's co-worker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, ³ that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. ⁴ For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know. ⁵ For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labour would be in vain.

⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— ⁷ for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

How can I keep going, when it's hard being a Christian?

1. Hardship is unsurprising (2:1-16)

- we declared the gospel (2:2) as we suffered

how can you do that?

only if you want to please God, more than to be popular

- you received / accepted the word of God (2:13) ... as you suffered

2. Hardship is unsettling (2:17-3:10)

Paul's concern is that suffering 'moves' them

... that Satan might have used suffering to 'move' them

3. Our future is to be always with Jesus (4:13-18)

- Jesus died and rose again (4:14a)
- 'they' will be raised (4:14b)
- 'we' will be raised (4:15-16)
- 'they' ... and 'we' ... and the Lord ... always together (4:17)