

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: All Creatures of Our God and King

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: Every Promise

SONG: Behold the Power of His Word

READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-20 (pg. 148)

READING: Deuteronomy 4:21-43 (pg.149)

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

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SONG: Tell Out My Soul

BLESSING

Grace Church takes the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults seriously. If you have any concerns, please email Sarah Wilde at safeguarding@greenwich.church, or contact the Diocese of Southwark Safeguarding Team (020 7939 9423). See www.greenwich.church/safeguarding.

NOTICES

Connect with us

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



Grace Groups – all are welcome as we meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship:

Tuesdays, 7.45pm: Canada Water Library and The Chantry, Mottingham

Wednesdays, 7.45pm: Stephen Lawrence Building, Greenwich

Other times also available.

Boaz Atuheire

Boaz is fundraising to join us as a ministry trainee and continue his Cornhill training. He currently serves with Living Word Uganda.

If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code.



Bitesize Theology

Join us for our 4-week series on Eschatology: 7:15-7:45pm before Grace Groups on Tuesdays (Canada Water Library) and Wednesdays (Stephen Lawrence Building).

This week's topic: *"Death, the intermediate state and the resurrection of the body."*

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, 24th March, Deuteronomy 4:44-6:25

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GRACE CHURCH
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Welcome!

Sunday 17th March 2024

*“Then the Lord spoke to you
out of the midst of the fire.
You heard the sound of words,
but saw no form; there was only a voice.”*

Deuteronomy 4:12 (ESV)

Deuteronomy 4:1-8; 32-40



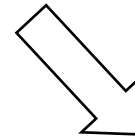
¹ “And now, O Israel, **listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.** ² You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. ³ Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal-peor, for the LORD your God destroyed

from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. ⁴ But you who held fast to the LORD your God are all alive today. ⁵ See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ⁶ Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷ For **what great nation is there** that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸ And **what great nation is there**, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you **today**?

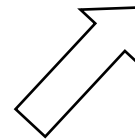
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³² “For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. ³³ **Did any people ever** hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? ³⁴ Or **has any god ever** attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? ³⁵ To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord is God; there is no other besides him. ³⁶ Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. ³⁷ **And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power,** ³⁸ **driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance,** as it is **this day,** ³⁹ know therefore **today,** and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. ⁴⁰ Therefore **you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time.**”

“Today” is a big day (cf. 30:15; Hebrews 4:7)



You are invited to obey God’s commandments and live
= receive what God has given



Do you realise how uniquely privileged you are?

No one else has a God so near that he hears their prayers
No one else has laws as good as the 10 Commandments

No one else has a God who spoke out of the fire
No one else was rescued out of Egypt by God’s mighty hand

This all sounds amazing. But there’s one thing that could (will) jeopardise everything...

Keep yourselves from idols (vv9-31)

You didn’t see God’s form
You did hear God’s words

Therefore don’t misrepresent God by making idols that you can see that contradict the words that you heard

God is a jealous God. He will punish you if you do this (v24)

God is a merciful God. He will seek you to seek him (v31)

COFFEE QUESTION: What has surprised you about today’s message? How do you feel about the offer that he is making you today?