

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: His Mercy Is More

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our neighbour,
In thought and word and deed,
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)

INTERVIEW

SONG: My Hope Is Built (The Solid Rock)

SONG: It Is Well With My Soul

READING: Hebrews 9:1-14 (pg. 1005)

READING: Hebrews 9:15-22

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: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

BLESSING

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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



Summer Schedule

In August, you can join for **Summer Fellowship** on Tuesday nights at 8pm in Canada Water, or on Wednesday nights at 8pm in Greenwich.

There will be **no Sunday services at Eltham** during the month of August.

Electoral Roll

If you are over 16, have been baptised and have attended Grace Church for over 6 months, please sign up for our electoral roll by scanning the QR code.



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: Judges 2:6-3:11

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Welcome!

Sunday 21st July 2024

*“The blood of Christ...
[will] purify our conscience
from dead works
to serve the living God.”*

Hebrews 9:14 (ESV)



Hebrews 9:1-22



⁹ Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. ² For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. ³ Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, ⁴ having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. ⁵ Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

⁶ These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷ but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ⁸ By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing ⁹ (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshipper, ¹⁰ but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ¹⁶ For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." ²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Why can we approach God with confidence?

1. Jesus' offering brings the blessings of the new covenant
(vv1-14)

-the blessing of a cleansed conscience (v14 cf. 8:12)

-the blessing of a new heart (v14 cf. 8:10)

2. Jesus' death removes the curse of the old covenant
(vv15-22)

Coffee Questions:

-How does having a cleansed conscience give you confidence to draw near in prayer?

-How does having a new heart give you confidence to finish the Christian race?