## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

#### **WELCOME**

**SONG:** Amazing Grace

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

#### **NOTICES**

(Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

To the glory of your name. Amen.

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**READING:** Judges 4 (pg. 203)

**SERMON** Judges 5 (pg. 203)

the Church of England, 2000-2006

#### **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:** Jesus, Strong & Kind

BLESSING

### **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

Our midweek groups are currently taking a break and will resume on week beginning 5th January.

#### 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: 1 Samuel 8-10 (Greenwich) Genesis 29:1-30 (Canada Water & Eltham)



## Welcome!

Sunday 29th December 2024

## "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet"

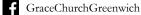
Romans 16:20 (ESV)











# Judges 4-5



<sup>1</sup>And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD after Ehud died. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoyim. <sup>3</sup>Then the people of Israel cried out to the LORD for help, for he had 900 chariots of iron and he oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for twenty years.

<sup>4</sup>Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup>She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came up to her for judgement. <sup>6</sup>She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedeshnaphtali and said to him, "Has not the LORD, the God of Israel, commanded you, 'Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun. <sup>7</sup>And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand'?" <sup>8</sup>Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go." <sup>9</sup>And she said, "I will surely go with you. Nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh. <sup>10</sup>And Barak called out Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh. And 10,000 men went up at his heels, and Deborah went up with him.

<sup>11</sup>Now Heber the Kenite had separated from the Kenites, the descendants of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far away as the oak in Zaanannim, which is near Kedesh.

<sup>12</sup> When Sisera was told that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, <sup>13</sup> Sisera called out all his chariots, 900 chariots of iron, and all the men who were with him, from Harosheth-hagoyim to the river Kishon. <sup>14</sup> And Deborah said to Barak, "Up! For this is the day in which the LORD has given Sisera into your hand. Does not the LORD go out before you?" So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with 10,000 men following him. <sup>15</sup> And the LORD routed Sisera and all his chariots and all his army before Barak by the edge of the sword. And Sisera got down from his chariot and fled away on foot. <sup>16</sup> And Barak pursued the chariots and the army to Harosheth-hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; not a man was left.

<sup>17</sup> But Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. <sup>18</sup> And Jael came out to meet Sisera and said to him, "Turn aside, my lord; turn aside to me; do not be afraid." So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she

covered him with a rug. <sup>19</sup> And he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty." So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him. <sup>20</sup> And he said to her, "Stand at the opening of the tent, and if any man comes and asks you, 'Is anyone here?' say, 'No." <sup>21</sup> But Jael the wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand. Then she went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple until it went down into the ground while he was lying fast asleep from weariness. So he died. <sup>22</sup> And behold, as Barak was pursuing Sisera, Jael went out to meet him and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking." So he went in to her tent, and there lay Sisera dead, with the tent peg in his temple.

<sup>23</sup>So on that day God subdued Jabin the king of Canaan before the people of Israel. <sup>24</sup>And the hand of the people of Israel pressed harder and harder against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

Why should we serve the LORD in 2025?

1) The LORD secures our victory over Satan

So rejoice in Jesus the serpent-crusher

2) The LORD commands our willing service

So don't be reluctant

Discussion Starter: How might you serve the LORD in 2025?