

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: How Great Is Our God

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: How Firm a Foundation

READING: 1 Samuel 2:12-36 (pg. 226)

READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a (pg. 227)

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: We Have a Lamb

COMMUNION

SONG: Behold the Power of His Word

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



Summer Garden Party

It's time for our annual Summer Garden Party! Join us for a time of fellowship, splashing in the pool for the younger ones, and a bring & share picnic: Today after the Eltham service, at the Chantry.

Summer Schedule

Grace Groups will continue until 11th July, and then break for the summer..

In August, you can join for **Summer Fellowship** on Wednesday nights, 8pm, in Greenwich.

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

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: Hebrews 7:1-28

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Welcome!

Sunday 30th June 2024

*“The LORD appeared [...],
for the LORD revealed himself [...]
by the word of the LORD.”*

1 Samuel 3:21 (ESV)

1 Samuel 2:12-4:1a

See Bibles p.226 for 1 Samuel 2:12-36

3:1 Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering for ever."

¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD. ²¹And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

4 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

Previously in 1 Samuel...



1) The word of the LORD was rare

Godless leaders who don't know God show contempt for the worship of God

2) God plans ahead

He raises up a faithful leader

He plans to put the wicked leaders to death

3) The word of the LORD was there

Samuel comes to know God through his word

Eli's house stands condemned by God through his word

4) Jesus is the new Samuel

He brings us a word by which we may know God and by which the wicked will be judged (Luke 2:40, 52; 3:16-17)

Coffee Question:

How does today's passage make you more grateful for God's word?
Why do we need to pray for the centrality of God's word in the Church of England and in churches around the world?