

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

**SONG:** Only A Holy God

### 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  
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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### NOTICES

(Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

**SONG:** Behold The Power of His Word

**READING:** Luke 11:37-54 (pg. 870)

### SERMON

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 51:1-19  
(pg. 474)

### 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:** Before the Throne of God Above

### COMMUNION

**SONG:** Refiner's Fire

### BLESSING

Grace Church takes the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults seriously. If you have any concerns, please e-mail Sarah Wilde at [safeguarding@greenwich.church](mailto:safeguarding@greenwich.church), or contact the Diocese of Southwark Safeguarding Team (020 7939 9423). [www.greenwich.church/safeguarding](http://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](mailto:info@greenwich.church)



### Christmas Events

Join us & invite others for any of these events:

#### Carols in the Pub,

Sundays, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 4-5 pm  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6-8 pm  
Trafalgar Tavern Greenwich

**Traditional Carol Service**, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 11am  
Stockwell Building, Greenwich

**All Age Carol Service**, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 11am  
Stockwell Building, Greenwich

**Christmas Day Service**, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10.30am  
Eltham College Chapel

### Christmas Day Lunch

If you'd like to spend Christmas Day with others from Church by either hosting or attending a Christmas meal, sign up via the QR code.





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*Next Sunday: Traditional Carol Service*

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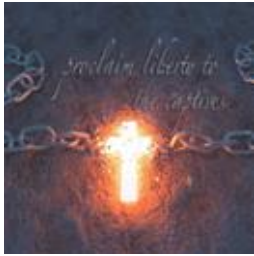
# Welcome!

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

*“For the word of God is living and active,  
sharper than any two-edged sword(...)”*

*Hebrews 4:12-13 (ESV)*

## Luke 11:37-54



<sup>37</sup> While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table. <sup>38</sup> The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. <sup>39</sup> And the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. <sup>40</sup> You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup> But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.

<sup>42</sup> “But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. <sup>43</sup> Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the market-places. <sup>44</sup> Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it.”

<sup>45</sup> One of the lawyers answered him, “Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also.” <sup>46</sup> And he said, “Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. <sup>47</sup> Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed. <sup>48</sup> So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. <sup>49</sup> Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute’, <sup>50</sup> so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, <sup>51</sup> from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation. <sup>52</sup> Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”

<sup>53</sup> As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, <sup>54</sup> lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

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“Surely so

Discussion Starters: