

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

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

### 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

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 93

**SONG:** O For A Thousand Tongues

**SONG:** Speak O Lord

**READING:** Luke 9:1-9 (pg.866)

**READING:** Luke 9:10-20 (pg.866)

### 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:** All Creatures of Our God and King

### 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](mailto:info@greenwich.church)



### Weekend Away

Our Autumn Weekend Away will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in Ashburnham Place. Sign-ups are open now!



### Students Welcome Evening

Our Student Worker, Samuel, will be hosting a welcome evening for all new and returning students on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in Greenwich. Contact him to find out more: [samuel.hignett@greenwich.church](mailto:samuel.hignett@greenwich.church)

### Grace Groups – 1 Peter

Join us as we study the Bible, pray & share life with one another in our weekly Grace Groups. We will meet on Tuesday nights, 7.45pm at the Chantry, and Wednesday nights, 7:45pm at the King William Building, starting from September 17<sup>th</sup>. If you're new to Grace Church and would like to join a group, please speak to a member of the team.

### Giving

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*Next Sunday: Luke 9:18-27*

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# Welcome!

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

# *“The LORD reigns”*

*Psalm 93:1a (ESV)*

## Luke 9:1-20



<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup> and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. <sup>3</sup> And he said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. <sup>4</sup> And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. <sup>5</sup> And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the

dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>6</sup> And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

<sup>7</sup> Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, <sup>8</sup> by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. <sup>9</sup> Herod said, “John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?” And he sought to see him.

<sup>10</sup> On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup> When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. <sup>12</sup> Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, “Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.” <sup>13</sup> But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” <sup>14</sup> For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” <sup>15</sup> And they did so, and made them all sit down. <sup>16</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

<sup>18</sup> Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” <sup>19</sup> And they answered, “John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.” <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

## “The Christ of God”

**Introduction: do one; see one**

### 1) Jesus sends us out to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom (vv1-6)

“the twelve” – our message is based on their message (cf. 24:46-49)

“and to heal” – the sign of the authenticity of *their* message  
(cf. 1 Timothy 5:23; 2 Timothy 4:20)



### 2) “Who is this about whom I hear such things?” (vv7-9)

“John I beheaded” – the message is opposed but it cannot be stopped!

### 3) Jesus himself proclaims the gospel of the kingdom (vv10-17)

“you give them something to eat” – but we can’t without him (cf. v3)

“they all ate and were satisfied” – miraculous salvation  
(cf. 2 Kings 4:42-44; Luke 4:27)



### 4) “Who do you say that I am?”

#### Application

**We need to proclaim the kingdom so that people recognise the king  
But the proclaimers also need to recognise the king  
And in our proclamation, we are dependent on the king**

#### Coffee Question:

How do you feel about the task of proclaiming the kingdom?  
How do you feel about the king?