

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Behold 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)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 2

SONG: Everlasting God

READING: Acts 12:1-24 (pg. 920)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: Behold the Lamb

COMMUNION

SONG: Ancient of Days

BLESSING

NOTICES

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or wanting to be more involved,
we'd love to hear from you. Scan
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Grace Groups 2023/2024

We will continue our Bible Overview in Genesis 2:4-3:24.

Tuesdays, 7.45pm: Canada Water Library +
The Chantry, Mottingham

Wednesdays, 7.45pm: King William Building,
Greenwich

Thursdays, 10am: Women's Daytime Group
Just come along, or for more details reach out to Michaela:
michaela.may@greenwich.church

Grace Pod

Tune in to our weekly podcast "GracePod"
where the Andrew's discuss Bible Passages we
will have studied in Grace Groups – a great way
to continue to reflect on what we have learned!

Weekend Away – October 13th – 15th

Our autumn weekend away will take place in 2
weeks in Ashburnham Place, Sussex. It is still
possible to book day trips for Saturday under
www.greenwich.church/weekendaway

Note: There will be no Sunday services on
October 15th.

Giving

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Next Sunday, 8th October, Acts 12:25-13:12



Welcome!

Sunday 1st October 2023

“He who sits in the heavens laughs.”

Psalm 2:4a (ESV)

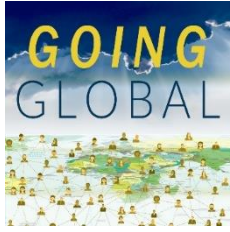
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Acts 12:1-24 (ESV)



¹About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. ²He killed James the brother of John with the sword, ³and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. ⁴And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. ⁵So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

⁶Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. ⁷And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. ⁸And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. ¹¹When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

¹²When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. ¹³And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" ¹⁶But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

¹⁸Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. ¹⁹And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

²⁰Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. ²¹On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. ²²And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" ²³Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

²⁴But the word of God increased and multiplied.

Who really rules the world, and what difference does it make?

Even through suffering, the Lord Jesus is the one really ruling,

1. as He rescues, (v1-17)
His helpless people

2. as He defeats, (v18-23)
Even His "king" opponents

3. and as He multiplies, (v24)
His unstoppable word.

It makes a huge difference! So...

Back the gospel plan in face of opposition, remembering that it's Jesus who really reigns.

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

1. How would your life change, if you believed that Jesus was really the King over everything, everywhere, at every time?
2. How could you be involved in God's gospel plan?