

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

**SONG:** Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

### 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:** O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

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

**READING:** Ezekiel 47:1-12 (pg. 734)

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

**Q&A:** Text 07520 632 065

**SONG:** Holy Spirit

### BLESSING

## NOTICES

### Connect with us

If you're new at Grace Church,  
or wanting to be more involved,  
we'd love to hear from you. Scan  
the QR code or email  
[info@greenwich.church](mailto:info@greenwich.church)



### Summer schedule

No Sunday service in Eltham during August.

### Summer Fellowship

Join us from 7.45pm on Wednesdays in August to  
learn about the lives of several missionary  
pioneers:

23<sup>rd</sup> August – Amy Carmichael

30<sup>th</sup> August – John G. Paton

### Autumn Weekend Away

Save the dates for our Autumn Weekend Away:  
October 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Giving

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*Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, John 8:12-29*



## Welcome!

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

***“If anyone thirsts,  
let him come to me and drink.”***

*John 7:37 (ESV)*

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## John 7:37-52 (ESV)

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.” 41 Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” 43 So there was a division among the people over him. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” 46 The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!” 47 The Pharisees answered them, “Have you also been deceived? 48 Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? 49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.” 50 Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, 51 “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” 52 They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”

Why side with a rejected Jesus?

### 1. Jesus offers life in abundance (v37-39)

-The Water Metaphor in John 7

-The Water Vision in Ezekiel 47

### 2. Jesus' opponents *irrationally* reject Him (v40-52)

-They overlook the evidence of Nicodemus

-They overlook the evidence of Jesus

-They overlook the evidence of their Scriptures

### COFFEE QUESTIONS:

1. In what ways is Jesus' offer in v37-39 wonderful? How does that help you to boldly side with Him?
2. How could the Pharisees' rejection of Jesus in v45-52 *actually* give you confidence in Him? How does that help you to boldly side with Him?