

## 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)

### INTERVIEW

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 95  
(pg.499)

**SONG:** By Faith

**SONG:** My Hope is Built (Solid Rock)

**READING:** Hebrews 3:7-4:13 (pg. 1002)

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

**SONG:** Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

### 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)



**Grace Groups** – all are welcome as we meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship:

**Tuesdays, 7.45pm:** Canada Water Library and The Chantry, Mottingham

**Wednesdays, 7.45pm:** Stephen Lawrence Building, Greenwich

Other times also available.

**Christianity Explored** – will meet Thursdays, 8pm in West Greenwich, starting from 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. Speak to a member of the team or sign up at [www.greenwich.church/christianityexplored](http://www.greenwich.church/christianityexplored)

### Upcoming Dates

Student Weekend Away, 26-28<sup>th</sup> Jan\*

Investing in Marriage Morning, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan\*

Parenting Morning (Younger Years), 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb\*

Sex, Dating, Relationship Seminar, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb

\*To sign up or for additional details see our newsletter or contact [info@greenwich.church](mailto:info@greenwich.church).

### Giving

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*Next Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Habakkuk 1*



## Welcome!

Sunday 21st January 2024

*“So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God”*

*Hebrews 4:9 (ESV)*

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# Hebrews 3:7-4:13 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,  
“Today, if you hear his voice,  
<sup>8</sup>do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,  
on the day of testing in the wilderness,  
<sup>9</sup>where your fathers put me to the test  
and saw my works for forty years.  
<sup>10</sup>Therefore I was provoked with that generation,  
and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart;  
they have not known my ways.’  
<sup>11</sup>As I swore in my wrath,  
‘They shall not enter my rest.’”

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

<sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath,  
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”  
although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said,  
“They shall not enter my rest.”

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,  
“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts.”

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

1. A Warning: those who stop listening don't get to the end  
(3:7-19)

2. A Promise: those who keep listening do get to the end  
(4:1-13)

## COFFEE QUESTIONS:

-How do the warning and the promise of this passage help you to keep listening?

-What would it look like practically for us to “exhort one another every day, as long as it is called today”?