

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Here I am to Worship

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: John 3:19-21

SONG: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

SONG: Show Us Christ

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: Saviour of the World

BLESSING

NOTICES

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If you're new at Grace Church,
or wanting to be more involved,
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the QR code or email
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Summer Fellowship

Join us for our last Summer Fellowship meeting
to learn about the life of John G. Paton - this
Wednesday, 7.45pm, King William Building.

Grace Groups 2023/2024

This year, we will be doing a Bible Overview
starting in the week of September 18th.

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

Wednesdays, 7.45pm: King William Building,
Greenwich

Thursdays, 10am: Women's Daytime Group.

For more details, reach out to Michaela:
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Autumn Weekend Away

Sign up now for our Weekend
Away at Ashburnham Place
with Christopher Ash:
October 13th-15th.



Giving

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*Next Sunday, 3rd September, John 8:30-47
Eltham Service at 4pm will resume from next Sunday.*



Welcome!

Sunday 27th August 2023

*“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk
in darkness, but will have the
light of life.”*

John 8:12 (ESV)

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John 8:12-29 (ESV)

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

²¹ So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." ²² So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come?'" ²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." ²⁵ So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." ²⁷ They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. ²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."

Why *openly* side with a rejected Jesus?

1. Jesus offers life to the world (v12)

2. Jesus' opponents *ignorantly* reject Him (v13-29)

- Jesus claims that they don't know God (v13-20)

- They show that they don't know God (v21-29)

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

1. In what ways is Jesus' offer in v12 wonderful?
How does that help you to not be secret about your relationship with Him but to openly side with Him?
2. How does seeing the way Jesus' opponents are ignorant of God give you confidence in Jesus amidst rejection of Him?