

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)

SONG: Jesus Saves

READING: Numbers 18:21-24 (pg. 127)

READING: Philippians 1:1-18 (pg. 980)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: Before the Throne of God Above

COMMUNION

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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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 and
The Chantry, Motttingham

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.



Bible Reading Challenge & Book Club

Every year some of the women read through all
of the Bible, and share encouragements with
each other. It starts this week. The men also have
a book reading group. Speak to a member of the
team for more details.

Giving

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Next Sunday, 10th September, Acts 10:1-48



Welcome!

Sunday 3rd September 2023

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

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Philippians 1:1-18 (ESV)

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defence of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Giving to support Gospel Work

1) It is right that Christian workers are supported financially by those whom they serve

“This is my defence to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to eat and drink? Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?”

Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, “*You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain.*” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak certainly for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the ploughman should plough in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop. If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?

If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. *Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings?* In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.”

(1 Corinthians 9:3-14; cf. 1 Timothy 5:17-18; based on Deuteronomy 25:4; Numbers 18:21-24; Luke 10:7)

2) It is wrong when Christian workers financially exploit those whom they serve

“For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or **greedy for gain**...” (Titus 1:7)

“Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, **not greedy for dishonest gain**.” (1 Timothy 3:8)

“The Pharisees, **who were lovers of money**...” (Luke 16:14)

“Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, **who loved gain** from wrongdoing,” (2 Peter 2:15)

“Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves **for the sake of gain**” (Jude 1:11)

3) Giving financially to the work of the church means partnership in the work of the gospel

No Coffee Question this week “so that your giving may be in secret.” But please take time to consider how you might respond.