ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Praise to the Lord

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;

To the glory of your name. Amen.

And grant that we may serve you

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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

INTERVIEW

In newness of life

RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 35:3-6

SONG: O for a thousand tongues to sing

READING: Luke 7:18-35 (pg. 863)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: Mighty to Save **SONG:** In Christ Alone

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



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

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

Wednesdays, 7.45pm: King William Building, Greenwich

Other times also available. Contact Michaela: michaela.may@greenwich.church

Women's Christmas Pudding Event

Join us at 7pm on November 24th as we prepare Christmas puddings and reflect together on the topic of "rest". All ingredients and equipment provided. £12.50 per person. Email womentsevents@greenwich.church to sign up.

Giving

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Next Sunday, 12th November, Luke 7:36-7:50

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Welcome!

Sunday 5th November 2023

"God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised."

Acts 13:23 (ESV)



Luke 7:18-35 (ESV)

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹ calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰ And when the

men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²¹ In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²² And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

²⁴ When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." ²⁹ (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, ³⁰ but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

³¹ "To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³² They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep."

³³ For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' ³⁴ The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' ³⁵ Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

The one who is to come

INTRODUCTION: Are you the religious type?

We can be sure Jesus is the Saviour because of

- 1) the eye-witness evidence of his saving miracles
- 2) the exact match between this evidence and what was promised.

But whether we will follow him in Jesus says more about us than about him

- 1) people who admit they need forgiveness love him
- complacent religious people ... not so much!

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

How has today's sermon made you think differently about Jesus? How has it made you think differently about yourself?