# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

#### WELCOME

SONG: All Creatures of Our God and King

#### 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. Common Worship, © The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England 2000-2006 NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

SONG: Rock of Ages

SONG: Show Us Christ

READING: Ezekiel 36:22-32 (pg. 724)

**SERMON:** Titus 2:15-3:15 (pg. 998)

PRAYERS

**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



#### 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:

#### 9th August – Hudson Taylor

16<sup>th</sup> August – Amy Carmichael 23<sup>rd</sup> August – John G. Paton 30<sup>th</sup> August – Elisabeth Elliot

#### Giving

Grace Church is funded wholly by the donations of its members. See www.greenwich.church/give or set up a bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789) or to give tax efficiently contact treasurer@ greenwich.church

Next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, Ephesians 1:3-6



# Welcome!

Sunday 6th August 2023

# *"He saved us... by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the*

Holy Spirit" Titus 3:5 (ESV)





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# Titus 2:15-3:15 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

**3** Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. <sup>3</sup> For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

<sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup>The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

<sup>9</sup>But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. <sup>10</sup>As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, <sup>11</sup>knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

<sup>12</sup>When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. <sup>13</sup>Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. <sup>14</sup>And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

<sup>15</sup> All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all.

### How do we turn things around?

# 1. Declare <u>these things</u>! (2:15-3:3)

- Be gentle with everyone
- Don't live in hatred
- ...we need reminders
- 2. God our Saviour appeared! (3:4-7)
  - ...and graciously saved us by:
    - the Father's loving kindness
    - the Son's grace
    - the Spirit's washing
- 3. Insist on these things! (3:8-11)
  - Avoid what is unprofitableDivision in the church
  - Do what is profitable (3:12-15)
    - Unity in the church

God turns our lives around through his word Therefore:

- Remember God's grace
- Listen to God's word
- Live God's way

## **COFFEE QUESTIONS**

- 1. How will your life change, knowing that you've been washed by the Holy Spirit?
- 2. How can you avoid disunity / preserve unity in the church?