

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

**SONG:** Come People of the Risen 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.

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**NOTICES** (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 110 (pg. 509)

**SONG:** Jesus

**READING:** Hebrews 1:1-2:4 (pg. 1001)

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

**SONG:** We Have a Lamb

### COMMUNION

**SONG:** One True God

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:michaela.may@greenwich.church)

**Christianity Explored** – Starting from 24<sup>th</sup> January, we will be running a relaxed and informal course for anyone who would like to go over the foundations of the Christian faith, based on the Gospel of Mark. 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).

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*Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan: Hebrews 2:5-3:6 "The Human Son"*



## Welcome!

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*"[The Son] is the radiance of the glory of God  
and the exact imprint of his nature,  
and he upholds the universe  
by the word of his power."*

*Hebrews 1:3a (ESV)*

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## Hebrews 1:1-2:4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say,  
“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?

<sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,  
“Let all God's angels worship him.”

<sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.”

<sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
the sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

<sup>10</sup> And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

<sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment,

<sup>12</sup> like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

<sup>13</sup> And to which of the angels has he ever said,

“Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?

<sup>14</sup> Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

**2** Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup> For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup> while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

## Why should I listen to Jesus?

### 1. Jesus is greater as the *royal* Son (1:5-7)

- He gets a royal name that no angel gets

- He gets a royal seat that no angel gets

### 2. Jesus is greater as the *divine* Son (1:8-14)

- the divine name He has

- the divine work He does

- the divine life He shares

## COFFEE QUESTIONS:

How has this passage enlarged your view of who Jesus is?

How does that help you to “pay much closer attention to what we have heard” in Jesus?