## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

WELCOME

**SONG:** How Great Is 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.

Common Worship,  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$  The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, 2000-2006

NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and crèche)

RESPONSIVE READING: Mark 12:28-31

**SONG:** This Is Amazing Grace **SONG:** The Fear Of The Lord

**READING:** Amos 2:6-3:15 (pg. 765)

SERMON

**PRAYERS** 

**Q&A:** Text questions to 07520 632 065

**SONG:** To God Be The Glory

**BLESSING** 

## **NOTICES**

**Baptism Service This Afternoon** 

All are welcome to join us at 4pm this afternoon as we celebrate the baptism of Houria and her children at Eltham College.

## **Grace Groups**

Our midweek Bible study groups meet on Wednesdays at 7.45pm in the King William Building, Greenwich. This week we will be looking at Exodus 33:7-34:35. If you are not in a group and would like to be, please speak to a member of the ministry team.

### Giving

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#### Electoral Roll

In the Church Of England, we are required to keep records of our membership numbers. If you are baptised, over 16, and have been attending for 6 months or more, please complete a form via the QR code. Physical copies are available upon request. By completing this form, you are giving permission for your details to be stored by Grace Church Greenwich and the Church of England.



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Next Sunday, 19th June: Amos 4:1-13

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# Welcome!

Sunday 12th June 2022 Morning Service

"Hear, O Israel:
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
And you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Mark 12:29-30 (ESV)

# Amos 2:6-3:15 (ESV)

## 2 6 Thus says the Lord:

"For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals— 7 those who trample the head of the poor into the

dust of the earth and turn aside the way of the afflicted;

a man and his father go in to the same girl, so that my holy name is profaned;

8 they lay themselves down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge,

and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined.

9 "Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them.

whose height was like the height of the cedars and who was as strong as the oaks;

I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath.

10 Also it was I who brought you up out of the land of Egypt

and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

<sup>11</sup> And I raised up some of your sons for prophets, and some of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not indeed so, O people of Israel?" declares the Lord.

12 "But you made the Nazirites drink wine, and commanded the prophets, saying, 'You shall not prophesy.'

<sup>13</sup> "Behold, I will press you down in your place, as a cart full of sheaves presses down.

14 Flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not retain his strength, nor shall the mighty save his life;

15 he who handles the bow shall not stand, and he who is swift of foot shall not save himself, nor shall he who rides the horse save his life;

16 and he who is stout of heart among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day," declares the Lord.

**3** Hear this word that the Lord has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt:

<sup>2</sup> "You only have I known of all the families of the earth;

therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

<sup>3</sup> "Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet?

<sup>4</sup>Does a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey?

Does a young lion cry out from his den, if he has taken nothing?

<sup>5</sup> Does a bird fall in a snare on the earth, when there is no trap for it?

Does a snare spring up from the ground, when it has taken nothing?

<sup>6</sup> Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid?

Does disaster come to a city, unless the Lord has done it?

7 "For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.

8 The lion has roared; who will not fear?

The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?"

<sup>9</sup> Proclaim to the strongholds in Ashdod and to the strongholds in the land of Egypt, and say, "Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samaria.

and see the great tumults within her, and the oppressed in her midst."

<sup>10</sup> "They do not know how to do right," declares the Lord,

"those who store up violence and robbery in their strongholds."

<sup>11</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord God:

"An adversary shall surround the land and bring down your defenses from you, and your strongholds shall be plundered."

<sup>12</sup> Thus says the Lord: "As the shepherd rescues from the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear, so shall the people of Israel who dwell in Samaria be rescued, with the corner of a couch and part of a bed.

<sup>13</sup> "Hear, and testify against the house of Jacob," declares the Lord God, the God of hosts,

14 "that on the day I punish Israel for his transgressions, I will punish the altars of Bethel,

and the horns of the altar shall be cut off and fall to the ground.

<sup>15</sup> I will strike the winter house along with the summer house

and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall come to an end," declares the Lord.

#### The fake church A brief introduction to religion "up North" Amos's "Israel" ⇒ Acts 7:42-43 ⇒ Romans 10:20-21



1) The fake church oppresses the vulnerable ...

... despite their great spiritual heritage

... and despite the warnings that they don't want to hear

2) God will destroy the fake church

## **COFFEE QUESTIONS:**

If treatment of the vulnerable is a barometer of spiritual health, how do we score?

How do we respond to the warnings in Scripture about it?