ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: O God our Help in Ages past

REMEMBRANCE

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)

READING: 1 Samuel 21:1-6 (pg. 244)

SONG: 10,000 Reasons

SONG: My Song is Love unknown **READING:** Luke 5:27-6:11 (pg. 861)

SERMON PRAYERS

BLESSING

SONG: Rescuer

In newness of life

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 OR code or email arlene.ellis@greenwich.church



THIS WEEK - Grace Groups continue

We'd encourage everyone to be part of a midweek group, meeting at 7:45pm – 9:15pm in Greenwich or in Mottingham. If you'd like to join, please speak to Fiona after the service.

This week we'll be looking at Mark 6:7-30

Book discussion – The Air We Breathe

Come at 7.45pm on 21st November in The Plume of Feathers, Greenwich, to discuss Glen Scrivener's book about how contemporary Western values such as consent, equality and freedom owe their existence to Christianity.

Van Drivers Needed

Speak to Arlene if you are 25 or over with a UK driving license and would be willing to join a rota to drive the church van from Greenwich to Eltham and back again on a Sunday. With many volunteers we will spread the workload.

Giving

Grace Church is funded wholly by the donations of its members – you can give by bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789) or visit www.greenwich.church/give To give tax efficiently contact treasurer@greenwich.church

> Next Sunday, 20th November: Luke 6:12-16 10:30am, King William Building, SE10 9NN 4pm, Eltham College Chapel, SE9 4QF

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Welcome!

Sunday 13th November 2022

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Iohn 15:13 (ESV)

Luke 5:27-6:11 (ESV)



²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." ²⁸ And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. ²⁹ And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. ³⁰ And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples,

saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹ And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

³³ And they said to him, "The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink." ³⁴ And Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? ³⁵ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." ³⁶ He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. ³⁷ And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. ³⁸ But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, "The old is good."

¹On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some ears of corn, rubbing them in their hands. ²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?" ³ And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: ⁴ how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?" ⁵ And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

⁶ On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. ⁷ And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. ⁸ But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. ⁹ And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰ And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹ But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

How it all went sour...

1) Jesus is the Son of Man who brings repentance for the forgiveness of sins and Sabbath rest

- the bridegroom, the King like David, the Son of Man, (5:34-35; 6:3, 5; cf. Daniel 7:13-14)
- brings repentance and forgiveness (5:24, 32; cf. 24:47)
- and Sabbath rest (6:1-11)

2) The Pharisees reject him *because* he brings repentance for the forgiveness of sins and because of Sabbath hypocrisy

- they grumble at Jesus' friendship with "tax collectors and sinners" because they think they themselves have no need of repentance or forgiveness (5:30; cf. 7:29–30; 15:1-3; 18:9–14)
- but their hypocrisy concerning the Sabbath says otherwise (6:9; cf. 13:14-17; 14:1-3)

COFFEE QUESTIONS

What do you find most attractive about Jesus in these verses?
What do you find most unattractive about the Pharisees?