

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Unstoppable 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.

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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

RESPONSIVE READING: Luke 10:21-24

SONG: King of Kings (Hillsong)

SONG: Speak O Lord

READING: Amos 8:4-14 (pg. 769)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Q&A: 07520 632 065

SONG: Revealer of Mysteries

BLESSING

NOTICES

Services Over Summer

From 31st July - 4th September, morning services will be held in the Stephen Lawrence building of the Old Royal Naval College. There will be no afternoon services during August.

Summer Fellowship

This Wednesday we'll continue our series on inspiring Christians of the 18th century by looking at the life of William Wilberforce. We'll meet in the King William Building, Greenwich at 7.45pm.

Autumn Weekend Away

We'll be returning to Ashburnham Place 14th-16th October for our Autumn Weekend Away. Rupert Evans, Team Leader at LDN Holidays, will be coming to speak for us. Save the date now; booking opens in September.

Giving

Grace Church is funded wholly by the donations of its members. To support our work and give tax efficiently please email treasurer@greenwich.church (40-52-40 / 00027789) or give through our website at www.greenwich.church/give



Welcome!

Sunday 14th August 2022

*"I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
that you have hidden these things
from the wise and understanding
and revealed them to little children."*

Luke 10:21 (ESV)

*Next Sunday, 21st August: Amos 9:1-10
10:30am, Stephen Lawrence Building, SE10 9HX*

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Amos 8:4 - 14 (ESV)



⁷ This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with $\pi_{\Delta\Delta}$, with a $\pi_{\Delta\Delta}$ in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “ $\pi_{\Delta\Delta}$ ” Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting $\pi_{\Delta\Delta}$ in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;
⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

[...]

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

[...]

⁸ ¹ This is what the Lord GOD showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit. ² And he said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the LORD said to me,

“The end has come upon my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them.

³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” declares the Lord GOD.

“So many dead bodies!”

“They are thrown everywhere!”

“Silence!”

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,

⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,

that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great

and deal deceitfully with false balances,

⁶ that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who dwells in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile,

and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?”

⁹ “And on that day,” declares the Lord God,

“I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.

¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning
and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on every waist
and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son
and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹ “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord God,
“when I will send a famine on the land—
not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the Lord.

¹² They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;

they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the Lord,
but they shall not find it.

¹³ “In that day the lovely virgins and the young men
shall faint for thirst.

¹⁴ Those who swear by the Guilt of Samaria,
and say, ‘As your god lives, O Dan,’
and, ‘As the Way of Beersheba lives,’
they shall fall, and never rise again.”

“Silence!”

How will God respond when people tell him (or his messengers) to shut up?

1) He speaks in parables (compare Jesus speaking in Luke 8:10)

2) He doesn’t speak at all



APPLICATIONS (that follow by “good and necessary consequence”)

When the church in Europe is in decline ...

When judgment seems like an absurd idea ...

When you resist the bible’s message ...

When you understand an Amos sermon about Judgement Day ...

When you come to church ...

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

How does today’s message change the way you think about a Sunday sermon or midweek bible study?