

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Who You Say I Am

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 leave for Sunday School and Crèche)

INTERVIEW

SONG: Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

SONG: 10,000 Reasons

READING: Genesis 17:15-27 (pg. 12)

SERMON: Genesis 18:1-15 (pg. 12)

PRAYERS

SONG: Amazing Grace

BLESSING

NOTICES

Jesus: A Sceptic's Guide

Our events week for sceptics will be from 20th-27th March - save the dates in your diaries now! Glen Scrivener will be speaking to us on both Sundays. Do be thinking about whether you might be able to host or invite friends to an event during the week.

Grace Groups

Our small group Bible studies meet on Wednesdays at 8pm (7.10pm for food) in the King William building, Greenwich. This week we will be starting our new series in Exodus, looking at chapters 1-2.

Bitesize Theology

This Wednesday, we will continue our Bitesize Theology series with a short talk and Q&A on "What About Free Will?". This will happen before Grace Groups, starting at 7:15pm in the King William Building, Greenwich.

Giving

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Next Sunday, 30th January: Genesis 18:16-19:38



Welcome!

Sunday 23rd January 2022

*"See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
that we should be called children of God; and so we are.
The reason why the world does not know us
is that it did not know him."*

1 John 3:1 (ESV)

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Genesis 17:15-18:15

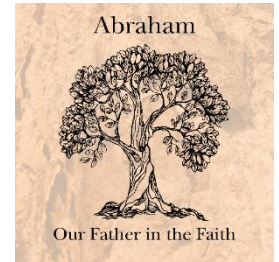
¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” ¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!” ¹⁹ God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. ²⁰ As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. ²¹ But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.”

²² When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. ²³ Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him. ²⁴ Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁵ And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁶ That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. ²⁷ And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

¹⁸ And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰ The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵ But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

What is a “good” sense of humour?



1. God insists on doing what is laughable

2. ...to magnify his hilarious sovereign grace

Bank on His grace

Enjoy the joke!

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

Do we find God's grace in our lives “hilarious” or ordinary, why might this be?
In what kinds of situations do we need to “bank on God's grace?”
How can we help one another “enjoy the joke” and delight in God's grace?