# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

#### **WELCOME**

**SONG:** Behold Him

CHILDREN'S TALK

#### CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, We have sinned against you

And against our neighbour,

In thought and word and deed,

In the evil we have done

And in the good we have not done,

Through negligence, 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, © The Archbishops' Council of

the Church of England, 2000-2006

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

#### INTERVIEW

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Revelation

22:12-15 (pg. 1042)

**SONG:** Day of Judgment! Day of Wonders!

**SONG:** The Lion and the Lamb

**READING:** 2 Peter 2:10b-22 (pg. 1018)

**SERMON** 

#### PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen

**SONG:** In Christ Alone

## BLESSING

Grace Church takes the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults seriously. If you have any concerns, please e-mail Sarah Wilde at safeguarding@greenwich.church, or contact the Diocese of Southwark Safeguarding Team (020 7939 9423). www.greenwich.church/safeguarding.

# **NOTICES**

#### Connect with us

If you're new at Grace Church or have been coming for a while, we'd love to connect. Sign up to our Newsletter or WhatsApp Group by scanning the QR code or emailing info@greenwich.church.



# Bitesize Theology: Justification

Tuesdays (Canada Water) & Wednesdays (Greenwich) in March: 7:15-7:45pm.

25th/26th: Sanctification

1st April: Faith & Works (Canada Water)

## Dates for your Diary

8pm, 27th March, Men's Book Club

7:30pm, 28th March, Sex, Dating &

Relationships Seminar

7:30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Women's Book Club

20th-22nd June, Weekend Away

+ various opportunities to serve in outreach & Christian camps over the next months and the summer. Please check our newsletter or email info@greenwich.church.

## Giving

Grace Church is fully funded by the donations of its members. See www.greenwich.church/give or set up a bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789) or to give tax efficiently contact treasurer@ greenwich.church.

Next Sunday: Genesis 29:1-30

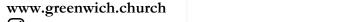


# Welcome!

Sunday 23rd March 2025

"And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet (...) These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulphur'

Revelation 19:20 (ESV)



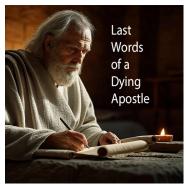


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# 2 Peter 2:10b-22



Bold and wilful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, <sup>11</sup> whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgement against them before the Lord. <sup>12</sup> But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction, <sup>13</sup> suffering wrong as the wage

for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, revelling in their deceptions, while they feast with you. <sup>14</sup>They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children! <sup>15</sup>Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, <sup>16</sup>but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

<sup>17</sup>These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved. <sup>18</sup>For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. <sup>19</sup>They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. <sup>20</sup>For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. <sup>21</sup>For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. <sup>22</sup>What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."

# "They're a false teacher" - how do we react?

God is right to judge false teachers.

- 1. They think they know better than God (v10b-13a)
- 2. They are out for themselves (v13-16)

Motivations of the Christian (Ch1:3-11).

Motivations of the false teachers.

- 3. They prey on the vulnerable (v17-19)
- 4. They leave you worse than before (v20-22)

See them as they are Pray for faithful teachers Grow in godliness

# **Discussion Questions:**

How might you respond if someone accuses you or your church of being harsh on certain teachers?