

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Behold 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.

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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and crèche)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 96

SONG: Behold The Power Of His Word

SONG: We Belong To The Day

READING: Amos 5:18-6:14 (pg. 768)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Q&A: 07520632065

SONG: Psalm 96

BLESSING

NOTICES

IMPORTANT: From next week until the end of August we will have *one service only* at 10:30am in the Stephen Lawrence Building, Greenwich. There will be no services at Eltham College in August and morning services until 4th September will be in the Stephen Lawrence Building.

Summer Fellowship

This Wednesday we're starting our 2022 Summer Fellowship series. We'll meet in the King William Building, Greenwich, at 7.45pm on Wednesday evenings to learn about inspiring Christians of the 18th century. All welcome!

3rd August: John Newton

10th August: George Whitefield

17th August: William Wilberforce

24th August: William Cowper

31st August: Selina Countess of Huntingdon

Giving

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Grace Groups Survey

Thank you if you have already filled out this survey asking which evening and venue would suit you most for Grace Groups next year. It would be appreciated if you could scan the QR code to fill submit same form again and leave your name.



Next Sunday, 7th August: Amos 7:1-8:3



Welcome!

Sunday 31st July 2022

*“Let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”*

Amos 5:24 (ESV)

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Amos 5:18-6:14

¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why would you have the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹ as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand
against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

²⁰ Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not
light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹ “I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn

assemblies.

²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings
and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

²⁵ “Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings
during the forty years in the wilderness, O house
of Israel? ²⁶ You shall take up Sikkuth your king,
and Kiyyun your star-god—your images that you
made for yourselves, ²⁷ and I will send you into
exile beyond Damascus,” says the Lord, whose
name is the God of hosts.

6 “Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,

and to those who feel secure on the mountain

of Samaria,

the notable men of the first of the nations,

to whom the house of Israel comes!

² Pass over to Calneh, and see,

and from there go to Hamath the great;

then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?

Or is their territory greater than your territory,

³ O you who put far away the day of disaster

and bring near the seat of violence?

⁴ “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory

and stretch themselves out on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock

and calves from the midst of the stall,

⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp

and like David invent for themselves

instruments of music,

⁶ who drink wine in bowls

and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first of those

who go into exile,

and the revelry of those who stretch

themselves out shall pass away.”

⁸ The Lord God has sworn by himself, declares
the Lord, the God of hosts:

“I abhor the pride of Jacob

and hate his strongholds,

and I will deliver up the city and all that is in
it.”

⁹ And if ten men remain in one house, they shall
die. ¹⁰ And when one's relative, the one who
anoints him for burial, shall take him up to bring
the bones out of the house, and shall say to him
who is in the innermost parts of the house, “Is
there still anyone with you?” he shall say, “No”;
and he shall say, “Silence! We must not mention
the name of the Lord.”

¹¹ For behold, the Lord commands,

and the great house shall be struck down into
fragments,

and the little house into bits.

¹² Do horses run on rocks?

Does one plow there with oxen?

But you have turned justice into poison

and the fruit of righteousness into

wormwood—

¹³ you who rejoice in Lo-debar,

who say, “Have we not by our own strength

captured Karnaim for ourselves?”

¹⁴ “For behold, I will raise up against you a

nation,

O house of Israel,” declares the Lord, the God

of hosts;

“and they shall oppress you from Lebo-hamath

to the Brook of the Arabah.”

Introduction: A timely message for the Church of England?

(The fuss about “Lambeth I.10”)



1. Woe to the church that thinks it's doing great

2. But does the things I hate, says the LORD

- Injustice

- Idolatry

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

How does Amos' prophecy shape the way we should relate to our denomination?