

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: No Other Name

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)

RESPONSES

SONG: One True God

READING: Acts 7:39-53 (pg. 915)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: When I Survey

COMMUNION

SONG: Lovingkindness

BLESSING



NOTICES

Student Weekend Away: 11th-13th March

Next weekend, our students will be going away to Sevenoaks. Please pray for them as they read through the book *God Speaks* and spend time together, that they will grow to love Jesus and each other more.

Jesus: A Sceptic's Guide: 20th-27th March

Glen Scrivener will be presenting the good news of Jesus on both Sundays. For information on midweek events, see www.greenwich.church/sg22.

Grace Groups: Wednesdays, 8pm

Our small group Bible studies meet at the King William Building, Greenwich. This week we will be looking at Exodus 13:17-15:21. Food will be available from 7pm.

Bitesize Theology: Wednesdays, 7.15pm

This happens before Grace Groups, downstairs in the King William Building. Continuing our series, this week we will have a short talk and a Q&A on The Gifts and Holiness of the Spirit.

Giving

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Spring Weekend Away: 6th-8th May

Bookings for our next weekend away at Ashburnham Place are open! David Shaw will be speaking on the topic of Power. To book your place, scan the QR code or go to www.greenwich.church/weekend-away. Booking closes 10th April.

Next Sunday, 13th March: Acts 7:54-8:3



Welcome!

Sunday 6th March 2022

*"I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols."*

Isaiah 42:8 (ESV)

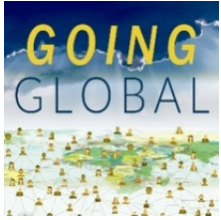
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Acts 7:39-53



³⁹ Our fathers refused to obey [Moses], but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt, ⁴⁰ saying to Aaron, ‘Make for us gods who will go before us. As for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ ⁴¹ And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands. ⁴² But God turned away

and gave them over to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets:

“Did you bring to me slain beasts and sacrifices,
during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

⁴³ You took up the tent of Moloch
and the star of your god Rephan,
the images that you made to worship;
and I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.’

⁴⁴ “Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as he who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen. ⁴⁵ Our fathers in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our fathers. So it was until the days of David, ⁴⁶ who found favour in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. ⁴⁷ But it was Solomon who built a house for him. ⁴⁸ Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,

⁴⁹ “Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.

What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,
or what is the place of my rest?

⁵⁰ Did not my hand make all these things?’

⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

“How can Christianity be true when so many experts say it's false?”

1. The rejection of God should be no surprise

Even God’s people keep turning to idolatry

...and our idolatry can be very subtle

Beware of Idolatry

Don’t be discouraged by rejection

2. The real surprise is God’s radical kindness

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

In what ways are we inclined to look for meaning, satisfaction, and security outside of God?

How does understanding the darkness of humanity help us appreciate the light of God’s grace all the more?