

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

**SONG:** Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

### 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)

**SONG:** To God be the Glory

**SONG:** His Mercy is More

**READING:** Luke 15:11-24 (pg. 874-5)

**SERMON:** Luke 15:25-32 (pg. 875)

### 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

**Q&A** [www.pigeonhole.at](http://www.pigeonhole.at)

Password: LUKE15

**SONG:** Who Can Describe the Joys

### BLESSING

## 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](mailto:info@greenwich.church).



### Welcome Course

For anyone new to Grace Church! In this 3-week course, we think about our convictions about the gospel, the Bible & church, and how they shape what we do at Grace Church. Sign up using the QR code.



Wednesday 3rd December, 8pm, at the Hub, 14 Feathers Place, SE10 9NE.

### Carol Services

**All Age Carol Service**, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am, Greenwich Theatre

**Traditional Carol Service**, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, 10am, Greenwich Theatre

### Giving

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

*Next Sunday: Luke 16:1-13*



# Welcome!

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

*“There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

*Luke 15:10 (ESV)*



## Luke 15:11-32



<sup>11</sup>And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

*Who finds it easier to get into God's kingdom, a good person or a bad person?*

1. **The Lord loves to welcome sinners who've strayed from home**
2. **The Lord loves to welcome slaves who've stayed at home**
3. **...but the slaves are in danger of excluding themselves**

Consider your attitude to God - do you ever feel God owes you?

- Do I often find life unfair?
- Am I often angry when things don't go my way?
- Do God feel distant?
- Do I find it hard to celebrate God and His kindness?

Consider your attitude to others - do you share God's heart for others?

- Am I always keeping score?
- Am I slow to welcome difficult people?
- Am I annoyed that church-life can be so focused on reaching the lost?
- Do I find myself looking down on “the world out there”?