

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Crown Him with Many Crowns

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.
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the Church of England, 2000-2006

NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

RESPONSES: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

SONG: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

SONG: Before the Throne of God Above

READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (p. 961)

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

COMMUNION

SONG: We Belong to the Day

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.



Welcome Course

For anyone who hasn't done the Welcome Course before! Join us for lunch after the service where we'll hear from our pastors about our core convictions at Grace Church.



The course runs for 3 weeks, starting on Sunday 7th June after the morning service. Scan the QR code to sign up.

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.



Welcome!

Sunday 7th June 2026

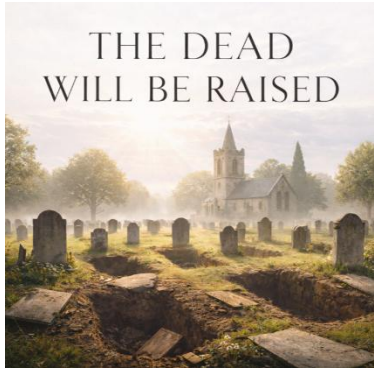
***“Christ has been raised
from the dead,
the firstfruits of those
who have fallen asleep.”***

1 Corinthians 15:20 (ESV)

Next Sunday: 1 Chronicles 18:1-19:3



1 Corinthians 15:12-20



¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

INTRODUCTION: How much would they pity you?

The central argument:

Jesus' resurrection \Rightarrow the resurrection of Christians

- 1) If it's impossible to raise the dead, then Jesus wasn't raised (v13, v16b)
- 2) If Jesus wasn't raised:
 - The apostles' preaching and our faith are EMPTY (v14) or worse, blasphemous (v15)
 - You haven't been forgiven (v17)
 - Christians who we thought were sleeping have in fact perished (v18)
 - People should pity us more than anyone (v19)
- 3) But Jesus *was* raised and so we will be too

COFFEE QUESTION: How much would they pity you?

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