

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: This is Amazing Grace

CHILDREN'S TALK

NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

SONG: And Can It Be?

SONG: Who You Say I Am

READING: Ezra 9:1-15 (p. 395)

READING: Ezra 10:1-17 (p. 396)

SERMON

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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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

Password: EZRA

SONG: When I Was Lost

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.



Justice (Women only event)

Today at 12pm, we're inviting friends for a
women's event to chat about the topic of Justice.
Come to discuss and hear what the Bible says
about this topic. No need to sign up, just come
along.

Location: Corner Corner – Canada
Water.

Summer Fellowship

Our Grace Groups will take a break for the
remainder of the month. We look forward to
gathering again as we begin our Summer
Fellowship on Tuesday 4th August.

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@](mailto:treasurer@greenwich.church)
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Next Sunday: Nehemiah 1-2



Welcome!

Sunday 12th July 2026

***“The LORD does not deal with us
according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.”***

Psalm 103:10 (ESV)

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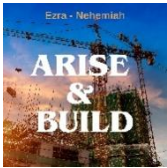
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Ezra 9:1-15



After these things had been done, the officials approached me and said, “The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands with their abominations, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. ²For they have taken some of their daughters to be wives for themselves and for their sons, so that the holy race has mixed itself with the peoples of the lands. And in this faithlessness the hand of the officials and chief men has been foremost.” ³As soon as I heard this, I tore my garment and my cloak and pulled hair from my head and beard and sat appalled. ⁴Then all who trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the faithlessness of the returned exiles, gathered round me while I sat appalled until the evening sacrifice. ⁵And at the evening sacrifice I rose from my fasting, with my garment and my cloak torn, and fell upon my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God, ⁶saying:

“O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. ⁷From the days of our fathers to this day we have been in great guilt. And for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plundering, and to utter shame, as it is today. ⁸But now for a brief moment favour has been shown by the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant and to give us a secure hold within his holy place, that our God may brighten our eyes and grant us a little reviving in our slavery. ⁹For we are slaves. Yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery, but has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of Persia, to grant us some reviving to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins, and to give us protection in Judea and Jerusalem.

¹⁰“And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken your commandments, ¹¹which you commanded by your servants the prophets, saying, ‘The land that you are entering, to take possession of it, is a land impure with the impurity of the peoples of the lands, with their abominations that have filled it from end to end with their uncleanness. ¹²Therefore do not give your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters for your sons, and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.’ ¹³And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, seeing that you, our God, have punished us less than our iniquities deserved and have given us such a remnant as this, ¹⁴shall we break your commandments again and intermarry with the peoples who practise these abominations? Would you not be angry with us until you consumed us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape? ¹⁵O LORD, the God of Israel, you are just, for we are left a remnant that has escaped, as it is today. Behold, we are before you in our guilt, for none can stand before you because of this.”

A shocking passage...?

Mix marriages?

Divorce?

What about 1 Corinthians 7?

¹² ...if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should **not** divorce her. ¹³ If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should **not** divorce him. ¹⁴For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband..

An exposing passage...

The great obstacle to building the people of God is our sin.

1. Confess our sin honestly (Ezra 9)

2. Deal with our sin seriously (Ezra 10)

We ~~have~~ need Jesus, the better Ezra