

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: He is Our God

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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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

SONG: Jesus

SONG: Behold Our God

READING: Ezra 3:10-4:5 (p.390)

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

SONG: Ancient of Days

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.



Justice (Women only event)

On Sunday 12th July 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. Scan the
QR code to sign up. Location:
CornerCorner



Baptism Services – 19th July

If you are a believer in Jesus and have not yet
been baptised, we'd encourage you to consider
baptism. We will be celebrating several baptisms
on 19th July, and if you're interested to find out
more, please speak to a member of the team.

Weekend Away – 16th – 18th October 2026

Sign-ups are now open. Our speaker
will be Dan Hong from Grace
Church Greenwich, Connecticut.
We'd love for everyone to be there!
If you think cost may be a hindrance,
please do be reaching out to the
Fellowship Fund.
www.greenwich.church



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Next Sunday: Ezra 7-8



Welcome!

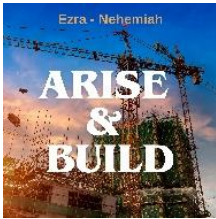
Sunday 28th June 2026

*“[God] changes times and seasons;
he removes kings and sets up kings.”*

Daniel 2:21a (ESV)



Ezra 3:10-4:5



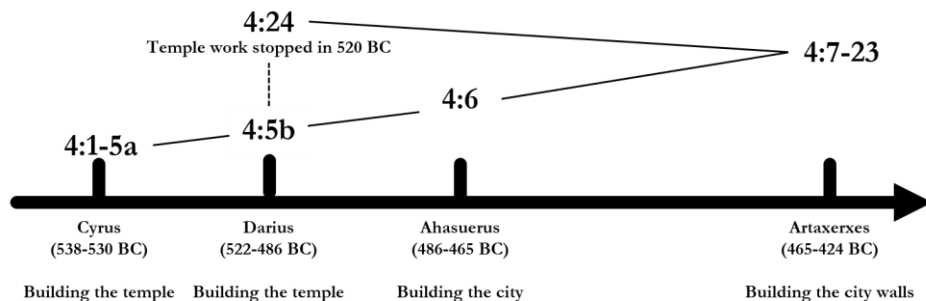
¹⁰ And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the directions of David king of Israel. ¹¹ And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD,

“For he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever towards Israel.”

And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. ¹² But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy, ¹³ so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.

¹ Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the returned exiles were building a temple to the LORD, the God of Israel, ² they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' houses and said to them, “Let us build with you, for we worship your God as you do, and we have been sacrificing to him ever since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria who brought us here.” ³ But Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' houses in Israel said to them, “You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our God; but we alone will build to the LORD, the God of Israel, as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us.”

⁴ Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah and made them afraid to build ⁵ and bribed counsellors against them to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.



The purpose of Ezra-Nehemiah
Arise & Build!

But what should we do when
overwhelming opposition and
powerful people threaten to stop us?

The structure of Ezra 3-6

3:1-13 Temple building **begins...** but **not everyone rejoices**

4:1-24 **Opposition** stops the work
(escalating and persistent opposition)

5:1-2 **The prophets strengthen the people to build**

5:3-6:15 God stops the **opposition..** **behind the scenes**

6:13-22 Temple building **ends...** and **everyone** rejoices

The response in the face of overwhelming opposition:
**Don't be discouraged and keep building because God is
working behind the scenes in what we cannot control.**

