

# Grace<sup>+</sup>church

**Welcome** – Philip Sudell

Creator God,  
who shaped the earth and heavens  
Your glory shines in all that you have made  
You spoke the Word,  
who broke into the darkness  
All earth replies: “majestic is your name!”

And who am I,  
though made below the angels  
That you, my King, are mindful of my ways?  
As moon and stars  
singing out their joyful chorus  
I lift my voice to join with them in praise

Redeeming God, creation’s song fell silent  
As on the cross,  
the Light was pierced with dark  
The Word of life  
to death now hangs surrendered  
The one who spoke out stars  
now breathes his last

And who am I, the lowliest of sinners  
That you would pay  
the price my sin deserves?  
My Maker scarred  
for those who marred his likeness  
And from his wounds  
flows mercy unreserved

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory  
Death could not hold  
the one who authored life!  
His radiant light  
has shattered through our darkness  
And in our hearts, his risen life now shines

And who are we,  
that you would call us children  
And raise us up from death to life with you  
Where we will sing  
the New Creation anthem:  
“O praise the one  
who’s making all things new!”



And so we wait in eager expectation  
And join the song as all creation groans:  
“Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,  
The Day you call  
your sons and daughters home.”

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## Introducing..

Jason Roach – London City Mission

## Reading: Acts 10:9-43 (p1104)

<sup>9</sup> About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. <sup>10</sup> He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. <sup>11</sup> He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. <sup>12</sup> It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. <sup>13</sup> Then a voice told him, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

<sup>14</sup> ‘Surely not, Lord!’ Peter replied. ‘I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.’

<sup>15</sup> The voice spoke to him a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’

<sup>16</sup> This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

<sup>17</sup> While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon’s house was and stopped at the gate. <sup>18</sup> They called

out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

<sup>19</sup> While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, 'Simon, three men are looking for you. <sup>20</sup> So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.'

<sup>21</sup> Peter went down and said to the men, 'I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?'

<sup>22</sup> The men replied, 'We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say.' <sup>23</sup> Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.

The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. <sup>24</sup> The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. <sup>25</sup> As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. <sup>26</sup> But Peter made him get up.

'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man myself.' <sup>27</sup> While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. <sup>28</sup> He said to them: 'You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.

<sup>29</sup> So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?'

<sup>30</sup> Cornelius answered: 'Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me <sup>31</sup> and said, "Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. <sup>32</sup> Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea." <sup>33</sup> So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us.'

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

<sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## God is a holy God

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*Jesus died to wash us clean*

*When we put our trust in Him*

*God opens His arms and welcomes us in*

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# Children leave for Grace Gang

**Talk:** Jason Roach  
*Welcome and Witness*

Talk notes:

*For He made us a way  
By which we have been saved  
He's the Saviour of the world  
So we lift up a shout for His fame and renown  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Jesus Saviour of the world*

We must spread the word of His soon return  
To reclaim the world for His glory  
Let the church now sing of this coming King  
Crowned with majesty our Redeemer  
And He reigns ruler of the heavens  
And His name is Jesus the Messiah

*For He made us a way...*

Christ the Lord overcame the darkness  
He's alive death has been defeated  
And He reigns ruler of the heavens  
And His name is Jesus the Messiah

*For He made us a way...*

Ben Cantelon

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## Confession

Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve you and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions and by your Spirit draw us together. In flame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

### God so loved that He gave His Son

To lay down His life for the sake of us  
He bore the weight of our sin and shame  
With a cry He said it is finished  
Christ the Lord overcame the darkness  
He's alive death has been defeated

## Prayer of the Day

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

### There is no other name

In heaven can be found  
Through whom we are redeemed  
Through whom your grace abounds  
No other name can save  
But Jesus Christ our Lord

*My joy in sorrow's tears*  
*My strength to cast out fears*  
*No other name but Jesus, Jesus*  
*My hope in darkest night*  
*My broken soul's delight*  
*No other name but Jesus, Jesus*

There is no victory  
But Jesus crucified  
No other cure for sin  
But that our Saviour died  
No other hope we have  
But that he rose again  
*My joy in sorrow's tears...*

No other throne endures  
No other song remains  
But 'Worthy is the Lamb  
Who was for sinners slain'  
When every knee shall bow  
And tongue confess you are Lord  
You are Lord  
*My joy in sorrow's tears...*

Trevor Hodge  
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## News

### Final Prayer

Please stay around and chat after the service over coffee/tea through in the hall



## The week ahead

Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Morning Service</b> Visit of Jason Roach from LCM (London City Mission) Followed by lunch to hear more of the work of LCM
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Pathway Children's Ministry Training – see Lucy for details
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.45-11am	<b>Chat &amp; Play</b> for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>		
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30am 12nn 12-3.30pm	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> @ St Peter's Hall <b>Holy Communion</b> @ St Peter's Church <b>Community Café</b> @ St Peter's Hall
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> OCT	10-11.30am	<b>Women's Brunch</b> @ the Mossy Well
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am 11am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Morning Service</b>

### Other dates for your diary

*Saturday Oct 8<sup>th</sup>*

**Men's Breakfast** @St Peter's Hall

**Womens' teaching day on "Rest"** at St John's Downshire Hill

*Sunday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>*

**Harvest Festival Lunch** after the services – giving thanks for our church merger

Forms to transfer your giving across to St Peter's are available on the table at the back of church

Personal details forms for the new St Peter's Church Database are also available



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