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# Order of Service

*Sunday 20 February 2022*



*Epiphany seven*

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Today's service is being led by: **Rachel StClair**  
The Organ is played by: **Mr Edward Rook**

We extend a very warm welcome to you. If you do not attend a church elsewhere, we invite you to join regularly with us in our Sunday worship and other activities – see [www.stpaulsurc.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsurc.org.uk)

Feel free to spend time before worship for quiet preparation, especially once the music begins. We light a candle at the start of the service to remind us all of Christ's message of peace.

The Reformed Church recognises God's Word as its supreme authority and **you are asked to stand as the Bible is brought in** at the start of worship, **and again as the Bible is taken out after the blessing.**

### Important notes:

- It is a joy to welcome you to this service!  
St Paul's URC has a **full Covid-19 Risk Assessment**, to help keep us all safe, so please follow the advice you are given in church.
- Please continue to **maintain social distancing** where possible and we encourage people to **wash and sanitise their hands regularly.**
- Although no longer required by the government guidance we encourage you to wear a face covering whilst indoors. Please bear with one another to keep us all safe.
- The hymns and responses are in this **Order Sheet**, but **feel free to pick up a Hymn book or Bible should you wish.**
- **Offertory** – we circulate the collection bag for contributions to the church's work, but standing orders and bank transfers are preferred (please ask an elder or welcomer for details) and we have a credit card reader if you prefer that..
- We pray that you will know God's presence as we worship – in church, at home, online, outdoors, at work, school; in all places.

# Welcome & Notices

## Call to Worship

### Hymn: R&S 90 - O Lord all the world belongs to you

O Lord, all the world belongs to You  
and You are always making all things new.  
What is wrong, You forgive, and the new life You give  
is what's turning the world upside down.

The world's only loving to its friends,  
but Your way of loving never ends,  
loving enemies too; and this loving with You  
is what's turning the world upside down.

The world lives divided and apart,  
You draw men together, and we start  
in our friendship to see that in harmony we  
can be turning the world upside down.

The world wants the wealth to live in state,  
but You show a new way to be great:  
like a servant You came, and if we do the same,  
we'll be turning the world upside down.

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and You are always making all things new.  
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## Prayers of praise and confession

The Lord's prayer

## Introduction to the theme

### Hymn: As the deer pants for the water

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after you  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you

*Refrain: you alone are my strength ,my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my hearts desire  
And I long to worship you*

I want you more than gold or silver  
Only you can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye  
*Refrain*

You are my friend and you are my brother  
Even though you are king  
I love you more than any other  
So much more than anything.  
*Refrain*

### Junior church blessing

**Leader:** Whether we are together or apart we are one in  
God's spirit

**Junior Church: The Lord bless us and keep us**

**All: The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace.**

Children leave for their activities

## **Readings: Genesis 45 3-11, 15**

### **Joseph reveals himself to his brothers**

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

## **Gospel reading: Luke 6: 27-38 Love for Enemies**

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

### **Judging Others**

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

## Message (including a short period of silence)

### Prayers for the world

### Offertory and prayer

### Hymn: Jesus put this song into our hearts

Jesus put this song into our hearts,  
Jesus put this song into our hearts,  
It's a song of joy no one can take away,  
Jesus put this song into our hearts.

Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,  
Different faces, different races, He made us one,  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony.

Jesus taught us how to be a family,  
Jesus taught us how to be a family,  
Loving one another with the love that He gives,  
Jesus taught us how to be a family.

Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,  
Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,  
Changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy,  
Jesus turned our sorrow into a dance.

### Final prayer and the Grace

***We extend a very warm welcome to you!***

**United Prayer Time Fridays at 7:30-8pm**

*for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church*

*'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820*

**Tuesday morning 'Guild'** – on 22 Feb – Craft and Natter – join us as we bring knitting or try out new craft activities together 10.15 for 10.30 start. All welcome

**Next Sunday** – worship at 10.30am led by Lesley Acre from the Salvation Army

**World Day of Prayer** – 4<sup>th</sup> March – see Pauline for details or corridor posters.

**Lent Course** - Starts Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7.45-9pm in the small hall. All welcome. See notices in the corridor or our website, or catch Fran or Sue

***For future events and activities please see our website***



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