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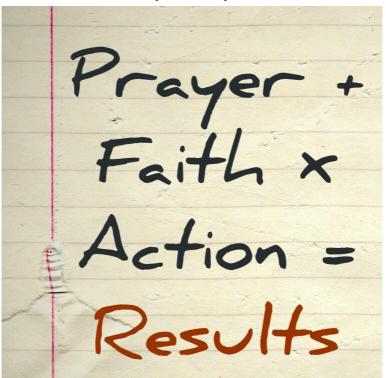
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Order of Service

Sunday 24th July 2022



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Today's service is being led by: **Rachel St Clair**The Organ is played by: **John Hankin**

It is a joy to welcome you to this service!

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

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.

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: (Psalm 138)

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

- ³ On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul
- ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
- ⁸The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Hymn: R&S 603 Lord for the years

Talk: Service context

Prayers for Ourselves and our Immediate families

Prayer for our Church family and local community

Hymn: R&S 629 Make me a Channel of your peace

Scripture reading: Luke 11: 1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been

locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

We bless the children as they leave for their activities

Message – The importance of prayer and actions.

Prayer for the World and our Country

Offering and prayer of dedication

What God has done for me – personal testimonial

Hymn: All to Jesus I surrender (from Mission Praise)

1 All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.

2 All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow, Worldly pleasures all forsaken; Take me, Jesus, take me now. Refrain

3 All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine; Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine. Refrain

4 All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me. Refrain 5 All to Jesus I surrender, Now I feel the sacred flame. Oh, the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to His name! refrain

Blessing and Dismissal

We extend a very warm welcome to you!

United Prayer Time Fridays at 6-6.30pm for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church 'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820. **Also open to pray for peace** – Tuesdays 12-1pm, Thursdays 5-6pm

Tuesday Guild Summer coffee mornings - next one is on August 2^{nd} 10.30 – noon at Jean and David's - contact Sue or an elder for the address. Programmes are available at all entrances to collect.

Book Club — is now reading "Conclave" by Robert Harris, meeting on 4th August 7.30 in the youth Room to discuss it

Next Sunday – worship at 10.30 will be led by the Minister



For future events and activities please see our website

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