



**St Paul's  
United  
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# Order of Service

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024*



***Join the invasion***

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Today's service is being led by: **John Ponsford**  
The Organ is played by: **Ron and the Hymnal**

## 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](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.**

*We pray that you will know God's presence as we worship – in church, at home, online, outdoors, at work, school; in all places.*

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### Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Lighting the peace candle

**Hymn 141:** Make way, make way

Prayers of approach and confession

## 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 forever. Amen.

Talk

**Hymn 210:** We have a king who rides a donkey

Junior Church blessing

**All - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all now and forever.  
Amen**

The Junior Church leave for their activities

**Reading:** Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Reader       <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
                  his steadfast love endures for ever!

All           <sup>2</sup> **Let Israel say,  
                  'His steadfast love endures for ever.'**

Reader       <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

All           <sup>20</sup> **This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

Reader       <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

All           <sup>22</sup> **The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

Reader       <sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.

All           <sup>24</sup> **This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Reader       <sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

All           <sup>26</sup> **Blessed is the one who comes in the name  
of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Reader       <sup>27</sup> The Lord is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

All           <sup>28</sup> **You are my God, and I will give thanks to  
you; you are my God, I will extol you.**

**<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

**Reading: Mark 11: 1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ' <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

**All *'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!***

***<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!***

***Hosanna in the highest heaven!***

**11** Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**Hymn 208:** All glory, laud and honour

Sermon

**Offering** - with prayer and dedication

**Hymn 599:** Christ for the world! we sing

Prayers of intercession

**Hymn 415:** You shall go out with joy (repeat)

The blessing

**Leader:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All: In the name of Christ, amen.**

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# Coming up...

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

## United Prayer Time - Zoom

*'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820 / Password: 1111*

**Every Saturday, 8am**

## Easter Miscellany

*Tuesday Guild meeting with food, faith and fun*

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10.15am**

## Maundy Thursday

*United Service with South Croydon United Church and Purley URC  
held at Purley URC*

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm**

## Good Friday

*United Service with South Croydon United Church  
held at South Croydon United Church*

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am**

## Easter Sunday

*led by Revd. Martin Knight*

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 10:30am**

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A vibrant blue poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. At the top left, a pink starburst contains the word 'FREE' in white. To its right, the word 'Easter' is written in a large, white, cursive font, with 'EGG HUNT' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. In the top right corner, there is a logo for St Paul's United Reformed Church, featuring a cross with a globe and the text 'St Paul's United Reformed Church'. Two white butterflies are flying in the sky. Below the title, the date 'Sunday 31ST MARCH' is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the time '11:30AM- 1PM' is written in a pink, sans-serif font. The location 'ST PAUL'S URC' and 'CROHAM PARK AVENUE, CR2 7HF' are listed in a green, sans-serif font. Contact information is provided in red: 'To book please contact Fran: franboto@aol.com or 07969 173457'. A deadline is stated in red: 'Please book by Sunday 24th March'. Two white cartoon rabbits with pink inner ears are peeking from behind the grass on the left and right sides. At the bottom, six colorful Easter eggs are nestled in green grass. The eggs have various patterns: horizontal stripes (orange, yellow, green, white), polka dots (yellow, red, black), vertical stripes (red, yellow, blue, green, purple), polka dots (white, red, pink), horizontal stripes (blue, green, white), and polka dots (black, yellow, blue).

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