



St Paul's
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Order of Service

Sunday 7th November 2021



Small Deeds...

Please use 'T' on your hearing aid if you need to use the Hearing Loop.

This morning's service is being led by: **Mrs Angela Bannerman**
The Organ is played by: **Mr Edward Rook**

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 notices and 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**.
 - The hymns and responses will continue to be in the **Order Sheet, but feel free to pick up a Hymn book or Bible should you wish**.
 - In line with the guidance from the URC, **we strongly recommend you continue to wear a mask indoors**, but we recognise this is now a matter of choice.
 - **Offertory** – to reduce contact with physical notes and coins at this time, Standing Orders and bank transfers are preferred (please ask those who welcomed you at the door for more information), but there is also a labelled collection box at the exit, where you can place your offertory.
 - 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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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

You are welcome to use the 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.

Our Communion Offering is in aid of the Leprosy Mission. Please use the envelopes provided and complete the gift aid section if relevant

Welcome & Notices, lighting of the peace candle

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

It is good to give thanks to the Lord

For his love endures for ever

Hymn: 552 The King of love my shepherd is

1 The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

2 Where streams of living
water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant
pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort
still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Prayer of confession, Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer

Reading: Psalm 146

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- 2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
- 3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals,
in whom there is no help.
- 4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
- 5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
- 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
- 7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;
- 8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
- 9 The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- 10 The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Talk with Junior Church:

Hymn 62 God who made the earth

1 God, who made the earth,
the air, the sky, the sea,
who gave the light its birth:
He cares for me.

2 God, who made the grass,
the flower, the fruit, the tree,
the day and night to pass:
He cares for me.

3 God, who made the sun
the moon, the stars, is He
who, when life's clouds come on,
will care for me.

Junior church blessing

As Junior church leave for their own activities we bless them together:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen

Reading: Mark's Gospel Chapter 12 vv 38:44

38 As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, 39 and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! 40 They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins,

which are worth a penny. 43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Hymn 117 O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy Hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed,
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
Then sings my soul, etc

3 But when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, our burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away our sin
Then sings my soul, etc

4 When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, etc

Reflection

Hymn 220 - O sacred head sore wounded

1 O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
O royal head surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O Lord of life and glory,
what bliss 'til now was thine!
I read the wondrous story,
I joy to call thee mine.

2 What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
By this thy bitter passion
Good shepherd, think on me
Vouchsafe to me compassion
unworthy though I be

3 For this, thy dying sorrow,
O Jesus, dearest friend
What language shall I borrow
to thank thee without end
O make me thine forever
and should I fainting be
Lord let me never, never
Outlive my love to thee.

4 Be near when I am dying
and show thy cross to me
that I, for succour dying
may rest my eyes on thee
My Lord thy grace receiving
let faith my fears dispel
that I may die believing
and in thee lord die well

Communion

Hymn 247 Thine be the glory

1 Thine be the glory risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay
Thine be the glory risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won

2 Lo! Jesus meets us risen from the tomb
Lovingly, He greets us scatters fear and gloom
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing
For her Lord now liveth death hath lost its sting
Thine be the glory...

3 No more we doubt Thee glorious Prince of life
Life is naught without Thee aid us in our strife
Make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above
Thine be the glory...

Blessing

Doxology 208

All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

All are welcome to refreshments in the halls after the service.

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Next week's worship – Remembrance Sunday *will be led by*
Eileen Poore



for future events and activities please see our website
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