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# Order of Service

*Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022*



*Wherever we are*

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Today's service is being led by: **Fran Boto**  
The Organ is played by: **Robert Cooper**

## 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

### Lighting the peace candle

### Peruvian Gloria

Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory in the highest!

**All: Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory in the highest!**

Cantor: To God be glory forever!

**All: To God be glory forever!**

Cantor: Alleluia! Amen!

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**Call to Worship:** (Based on Deut. 30 11-14 and Luke 10:27)

God's Word is not too hard for us, not is it too far away;

**It is very near, in our mouths and in our hearts.**

It does not lie in the far reaches of heaven;

**It is very near, in our mouth and our hearts.**

It does not dwell beyond the sea;

**It is very near, in our mouths and our hearts.**

Come, let us worship the Lord our God,

**With heart, soul, strength and mind.**

**Hymn:** 71 O God of Bethel

O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
thy children still are fed;  
who through this earthly pilgrimage  
hast all thy people led:

to thee our humble vows we raise,  
to thee address our prayer,  
and in thy kind and faithful hands  
we lay our every care.

Through each perplexing path of life  
our wandering footsteps guide;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and raiment fit provide.

O spread thy covering wings around,  
Till all our wanderings cease  
And at our Father's loved abode  
our souls arrive in peace.

### **Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness**

Friends in Christ, know this;  
the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting,  
and I remind you of this surpassing grace,  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Alleluia! Amen.** Beth Merrill Neel on her blog 'Hold Fast to What is Good' Used with Permission.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done;  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for  
ever and ever. Amen.

## Introduction to the theme:'

### Film by LICC

### This time tomorrow.

## Prayers which arise from TTT.....

God of every day,

We take this day as a special day, forgive us when we take this as the only day to rejoice and be glad in all you have given, for Monday and Thursday, Tuesday, Friday, Wednesday and Saturday are your days too

**Help us to live as your children all the days of our lives.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn:** 648 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.  
Amen

**We bless the children as they leave for their activities**

**Reading**

**Genesis 28 10-17**

**Jacob's Dream at Bethel**

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder<sup>Ⓜ</sup> set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the LORD stood beside him<sup>Ⓜ</sup> and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed<sup>Ⓜ</sup> in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this

place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

## **Luke 10 25-37**

### **The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. <sup>26</sup> 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>27</sup> He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' <sup>28</sup> He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>29</sup> And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

<sup>30</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' <sup>31</sup> Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>32</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>34</sup> But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>35</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>36</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, <sup>37</sup> gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." <sup>38</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' <sup>39</sup> He said,

'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

## **Sermon: Ready for Relationship -wherever we are**

**Hymn:** Here where your people

By John Campbell      Tune Early One Morning.

Here, where your people have often sung your praises,  
we come to seek your Spirit, your blessings as we pray.

Lead us in caring, helping and sharing;

Help us and guide us, day after day.

Here, in our city, where walls of fear divide us,

Each church must share true friendship and witness to your  
way;

Lives interweaving, new hope achieving;

Loving our neighbours, day after day.



Here, in this nation, with wealth amassed through empire,  
We now must work for fairness, help others have their say.  
Keep us campaigning; debtors unchaining;  
Working for justice, day after day.

Called as one people for ev'ry tribe and nation,  
We've much to learn from others if we would go your way.  
Graft us together, one vine for ever;  
Vibrant and fruitful, day after day!

## **Prayers for others**

## **Offering and prayer of dedication**

**Hymn:** We seek your Kingdom by Noel Robinson, Andy Flanagan and Graham Hunter. Tune Abide with Me.

We seek your kingdom throughout every sphere  
We long for heaven's demonstration here  
Jesus, your light shine bright for all to see  
Transform, revive and heal society.

Before all things, in him all things were made  
Inspiring culture media and trade  
May all our work serve your economy  
Transform, revive and heal society.

Peace, truth and justice reigning everywhere  
With us be present in our public square  
Fill all who lead with your integrity  
Transform, revive and heal society

Forgive us Lord, when we have not engaged  
Failing to scribe your heart on history's page

Make us again what we were made to be  
Transform, revive and heal society

Faithful to govern ever may we be  
Selfless in service loving constantly  
In everything may your authority  
Transform, revive and heal society.

**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***

**Pauline** magazine is available for collection – next edition due out end August, copy date 19 August

**Tuesday Guild Summer coffee mornings** - next one is on July 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 – noon at Eleanor'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 in early August to discuss it

**LICC Meeting** – is next Saturday 10-12.30, the third in the series. All are welcome (and invited) to come along and stay with a packed lunch to discuss the issues that came out of the sessions.

**Church meeting** is next Sunday after worship. Agendas will be emailed, and delivered to those not on email

**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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