



**St Paul's
United
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Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 2 April 2023



Palm Sunday

Please use 'T' on your hearing aid if you need the hearing loop.

Today's service is being led by: **Bea Pollard**

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

Prayer for Peace and lighting of the peace candle

Call to Worship

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed are those who honour God!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Blessed are they who follow Jesus to Calvary

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed are we who hope to rise with Him in glory.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Prayer of Approach

Hymn 208: All Glory, laud and honour

Reading : Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord

needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Talk to the church family

Blessing of the Palms

Hymn 210: We have a King who Rides a Donkey

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

Junior Church leave for their own activities

Confession:

Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings (*Pause*)

In the community of Christ's church and in the presence of all God's people

I confess to God that I have sinned

In thought, word and deed.

I have not loved God, cared for God's world,

Or respected God's people as I should.

I own my responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

**Congregation: May God forgive you
Christ befriend you,
And the Spirit renew and change your life.**

Leader: Amen

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**We own our responsibility
And pray for God's pardon.**

Leader: May God forgive you,
Christ befriend you,
And the Spirit renew and change your life.

Congregation: Amen

Prayer

Bible reading: Matthew 21: 12-16

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'?"

Offertory and offertory prayer

(communion collection in envelopes is towards International Needs (see page 10), loose collection for the church's work and upkeep.

Prayers of Intercession

Response: In Your mercy, God, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Institution

Hymn 74: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

What happened after supper...

Hymn 223 There is a Green Hill Far Away

Taking

Leader: Let us pray.

The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore we gladly join our voices
to the song of the Church
on earth and in heaven:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Breaking of bread and blessing of the cup

Sharing

The Peace:

Having tasted Christ's goodness,

let us share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

Hymn 750 All praise to thee (to tune 658 , 2
alleluias)

Blessing

Our areas of development



International Needs UK

We are a worldwide development agency working to help families suffering through poverty and crises to create a sustainable future. Through all that we do we seek to serve God and bring people the good news of Jesus.

<https://ineeds.org.uk/>

ST PAUL'S EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Service

Sunday 2nd April at 10:30am

St Paul's United Reformed Church,
Croham Park Avenue, CR2 7HF

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday 6th April at 7:30pm

South Croydon United Church
7 Aberdeen Road, Croydon, CR0 1EQ
Refreshments from 7pm

Good Friday Service

Friday 7th April at 10:30am

St Paul's United Reformed Church,
Croham Park Avenue, CR2 7HF

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday 9th April at 10:30am

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Wishing you a blessed Easter

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Coming up...

Prayers for Peace - *The Sanctuary Tuesdays 12-1pm*

United Prayer Time – Zoom - *St Paul's & South Croydon United Church Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820 Every Friday, 6pm*

Tuesday Guild – *returns after Easter on April 11th*

St Paul's Book Club – *meets on Thursday 13th April 7.30pm in the Jubilee room to discuss "Educated" and other things!*

Pauline magazine – *Should be out this week*

Easter Services - *see overleaf*

For other events and activities please see our website