



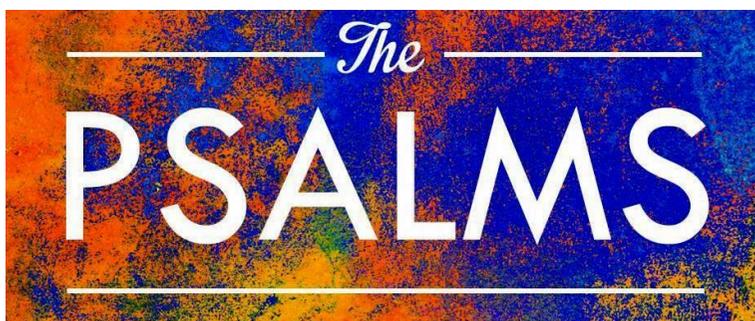
St Paul's
**United
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Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 5th September 2021



Welcome to St Paul's!

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

This morning's service was prepared by Rev Martin Knight and is being led by: **Dawn Webb D'Souza, Dennis Simmonds Cathy Heath and Bea Pollard**
The Organ is played by: **George Godsmark**

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 everyone 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 are in the Order Sheet and on the TV, but feel free to pick up a Hymn book or Bible should you wish.
 - In line with the URC guidance, we recommend you **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, 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, in the garden, at work or school, and 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.

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship – *Psalm 49*

SONG: 713 JUBILATE (Psalm 100) *(sung twice)*

Jubilate, Everybody,
Serve The Lord In All Your Ways,
And Come Before His Presence Singing,
Enter Now His Courts With Praise.
For The Lord Our God Is Gracious,
And His Mercy's Everlasting.
Jubilate, Jubilate, Jubilate Deo.

Introduction: *The Psalms*

We listen to a Sung Psalm of Praise - **Psalm 150** (*Stanford*)
Hymn 735

1 O praise God in His Holiness,
praise Him in the firmament of His power
Praise Him in His noble acts,
praise Him according to his excellent graces

2 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet,
praise him upon the lute and harp
Praise him in the cymbals and dances,
praise Him upon the string and harp.

Praise Him upon the well tuned cymbals,

praise Him upon the loud cymbals
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost as was in the beginning is now and ever shall be
world without end Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Junior Church blessing

***The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, Evermore. Amen***

Reading: **Psalm 44: 1-3, 9-19, 23-26** (pg.448)

HYMN: **HOW CAN WE SING A JOYFUL SONG?**
(on Psalm 137) *(Tune: 438 'O Waly Waly')*

How can we sing a joyful song?
O God, our sorrows hem us in.
When pain and grief seem all too strong,
how can we sing a joyful hymn?

The world around finds songs to sing
of laughter, mirth and happiness,
but these sound false and even sting
when what we feel is deep distress.

And yet, O God, we dare to sing
for in our grief, we're not alone.
You love this world and entered in
by sending us your only Son.

You sent us hope — Emmanuel!
O God-with-us, you bore our pain.
And so we sing, for all is well!
In Christ, we will be whole again.

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...of Lament & Anger

We listen to HYMN: THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD
(based on Psalm 23)

Reading: Psalm 121 (*Read responsively from 725 R&S*)

I lift my eyes to the hills
From where is my help to come?
**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth**

He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep
**Behold he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither
slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord himself watches over you
The Lord is your shade at your right hand
so that the sun shall not strike you by day

nor the moon by night

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil

It is he who shall keep you safe

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in from this time forth for evermore.

...of **Hope & Trust**

Prayers of Intercession – on Psalm 13

Let us pray.

HOW LONG, LORD

WILL YOU FORGET ME FOR EVER?

HOW LONG WILL YOU HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME?

*We pray for those who feel forgotten and unseen,
May they know that they are remembered and seen by
you O God.*

*Change our hearts that we may turn our faces towards
those on the edge and to see them as your children.*

**HOW LONG MUST I WRESTLE WITH MY THOUGHTS
AND DAY AFTER DAY HAVE SORROW IN MY HEART?
HOW LONG WILL MY ENEMY TRIUMPH OVER ME?**

*We pray for those we know, who struggle with mental
illnesses, anxiety and depression. We pray that there will
be resources released to help, enough staff employed and*

*finances given towards mental health services nationally.
Help us to be a friend and a listening ear to those who
suffer. Fill us with compassion and wisdom.*

*We pray for those who wrestle with sorrow;
who feel that their enemies have triumphed.
Help us to be the light in their darkness, that proves love
wins.*

**LOOK ON ME AND ANSWER, LORD MY GOD.
GIVE LIGHT TO MY EYES, OR I WILL SLEEP IN DEATH,
AND MY ENEMIES WILL SAY “I HAVE OVERCOME”,
AND MY FOES WILL REJOICE WHEN I FALL.**

*We pray for those who might be considered fallen by
those around them: may they know your restoration and
grace.
Help us not to judge or exclude,
But to lift them up and embrace them with the grace we
know in Christ.*

*We pray for every place and for every life,
Where suffering endures and pain seems to win.
Remind US again of your love, O God,
As we proclaim together:*

**BUT I TRUST IN YOUR UNFAILING LOVE;
MY HEART REJOICES IN YOUR SALVATION.
I WILL SING THE LORD’S PRAISE,
FOR GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME. AMEN**

HOLY COMMUNION

Introduction – on *Psalm 4: 6-7*

**SONG for reflection: PUT PEACE INTO EACH OTHER'S HANDS
(on Psalm 85:8)**

Put peace into each other's hand and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hand like bread we break for
sharing; look people warmly in the eye: Our life is meant for
caring.

As at communion shape your hands into a waiting cradle
The gift of Christ receive reverent united round the table

Put Christ into each other's hand he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a
treasure

Invitation – on *Psalm 34:8*

The Story

Prayer – on *Psalm 8*

The Sharing – On *Psalm 81:16 & 23:5*

Closing responses – on *Psalm 103*

HYMN: 723 FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES
(on Psalm 117)

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia, Alleluia
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends thy word.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia

Blessing – Psalm 67

Doxology: 21 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS
FLOW (on Psalm 100)
(Sung as the Bread and Wine are taken out)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!



Celebration Service and Lunch

Sunday 19th September 10.30 a.m.

You are warmly invited to a special service and lunch at St Paul's United Reformed Church , Croham Park Ave, South Croydon CR2 7HF

For children  baptized and their families and couples married at St Paul's

For **everyone** associated with the life and community of St Paul's and/or SCUC

Lunch will be served by Junior Church and dessert prepared by the children.

Lasagne (meat or vegetarian—Hairy Bikers Recipe!), Ice cream sundaes.

Fran, Cathy, Revd. Martin & Junior Church

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Information & Notices

We extend a very warm welcome to you!

United Prayer Time

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

Friday evenings at 7:30-8:00pm *Recurring 'Zoom' log-in details:*

Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

Teams meeting

A short meeting of the three teams after worship and coffee – in the large hall.

Guild coffee morning

on Thursday at 10.30-noon at Pat and Dennis' - 11 Norfolk Avenue.

Book Club

Thursday 7.30pm at the church discussing Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice amongst other things

Church meeting

Next Sunday (12th) after worship and coffee

Welcoming service

Sunday 19th -welcoming those who have been baptised or married in St Paul's and their families, plus a lunch for all - please RSVP for the lunch to Fran or secretary@stpaulsURC.org.uk



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