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# Order of Service

*Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021*



## Welcome to St Paul's!

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

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This morning's service is being led by: **Wendy Gilbert**

The Organ is played by: **Robert Cooper**

## Important notes:

- It is a joy to welcome you to this service! St Paul's URC has a **full Covid-19 Risk Assessment**, which is helping to 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 will continue to be in the **Order Sheet and some on the TV, 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, 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.stpaulsirc.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsirc.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

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: 74 Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Bears thee on eagle wings, and through all troubles sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen all that is needful has been

Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;

Let the Amen sound from His people again,

Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## Prayers

## **Reading: Psalm 122 A Song of Ascents. Of David.**

- <sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me,  
    “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- <sup>2</sup> Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.
- <sup>4</sup> To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- <sup>5</sup> For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.
- <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.
- <sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”
- <sup>8</sup> For the sake of my relatives and friends  
    I will say, “Peace be within you.”
- <sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
    I will seek your good.

## **Family Talk**

### **Hymn 557: Who would true valour see**

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| 1. Who would true valour see,<br>Let him come hither;<br>One here will constant be,<br>Come wind, come weather;<br>There's no discouragement<br>Shall make him once relent<br>His first avowed intent<br>To be a pilgrim. | 2. Whoso beset him round<br>With dismal stories<br>Do but themselves confound;<br>His strength the more is,<br>No lion can him fright;<br>He'll with a giant fight;<br>But he will have a right<br>To be a pilgrim. |
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3. Hobgoblin nor foul fiend  
Can daunt his spirit;  
He knows he at the end  
Shall life inherit,  
Then fancies fly away,  
He'll fear not what men say;  
He'll labour night and day  
To be a pilgrim.

We bless each other and the Junior Church with the grace

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and always, Amen**

Junior church leave for their own activities.

### **Reading: Mark 10: 17-27 - The Rich Man**

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup> He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money<sup>to</sup> to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is<sup>to</sup> to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another,<sup>to</sup> "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

## Hymn: 531 Lord of all hopefulness

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## Reflection

### Hymn 657: Rejoice the Lord is King

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He has purged our stains,  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 He sits at God's right hand  
Till all his foes submit  
and bow to His command  
and fall beneath His feet  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

5 Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Jesus the judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## Prayers

## **Hymn 521: Forth in thy name o Lord I go**

1 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue,  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.

2 The task thy wisdom has assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil!  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

3 Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command  
and offer all my works to thee.

4 Give me to bear thine easy yoke,  
and ev'ry moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look  
and hasten to thy glorious day.

5 For thee, delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace has given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

## **Benediction**