



St Paul's
**United
Reformed
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Order of Service

Sunday 23 January 2022



The glorious Jesus

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Today's service is being led by: **Albert and Elizabeth Wood**
The Organ is played by: **Mr Robert Cooper**

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.stpaulsucr.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.**

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.**
- In line with new government guidance **you are required to wear a face covering indoors unless exempt**. Please bear with one another to keep us all safe.
- The hymns and responses are in this **Order Sheet**, but feel free to pick up a **Hymn book or Bible** should you wish.
- **Offertory** – we circulate the collection bag for contributions to the church's work, but standing orders and bank transfers are preferred (please ask an elder or welcomer for details) and we have a credit card reader if you prefer that..
- 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

Call to Worship

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 had 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!
Our Lord and 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 of approach and confession

The Lord's prayer

Bible reading: Hebrews 1 v 1-3

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Talk – Who is Jesus?

Hymn: God sits in the highest place (See p11 for tune)

It don't matter what the proud ones say,
God sits in the highest place.
Even when the wicked ones disobey,
God sits in the highest place.

Refrain: God sits in the highest place,

Full of glory, full of grace.

*It don't matter what the proud ones say,
God sits in the highest place.*

When the liars lie and the haters hate,
God sits in the highest place.
When the waters rage and mountains shake,
God sits in the highest place.

Refrain

He's gonna banish sin and shame.
God sits in the highest place.
The nations tremble at His name.
God sits in the highest place.

Refrain

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Junior church prayer

Children leave for their departments

Readings: Psalm 89: 19-29

¹⁹Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said:

“I have set the crown on one who is mighty,
I have exalted one chosen from the people.

²⁰I have found my servant David;
with my holy oil I have anointed him;
²¹my hand shall always remain with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.

²²The enemy shall not outwit him,
the wicked shall not humble him.

²³I will crush his foes before him

and strike down those who hate him.

²⁴ My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;
and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

²⁵ I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.

²⁶ He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation!’

²⁷ I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.

²⁸ Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him,
and my covenant with him will stand firm.

²⁹ I will establish his line forever,
and his throne as long as the heavens endure.

Hebrews 1: 1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? And again, when he

brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.” But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” And, “In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

First thoughts

Hymn 268: Jesus is Lord

Jesus Is Lord! creation’s voice proclaims it,
For by his power each tree and flower was planned and made

Jesus Is Lord! The universe declares it,
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry, ‘Jesus is Lord!’

Refrain: Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!

*Praise Him with hallelujahs
For Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus Is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
In flesh He came to die in pain
On Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
He gave His life a ransom thus setting us free.
Refrain

Jesus is Lord! Over sin the mighty conqueror,
From death He rose, and all His foes shall own His name.
Jesus Is Lord! God Sent His Holy Spirit
To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.
Refrain

Offertory and prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 285: O for a thousand tongues

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

4 He speaks, and listening to His voice
new life the dead receive
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice
the humble poor believe

5 Hear Him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb
your loosened tongues employ
ye blind behold your Saviour come
and leap, ye lame, for joy

6 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Talk : Who is Jesus again?

Hymn 261: At the name of Jesus

1 At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2 Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
he became a witness, faithful to the last
and returned victorious when from death he passed;

3 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him make new
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord
Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored

4 When this same Lord Jesus shall appear again
in his Father's glory, there with Him to reign
There may we adore Him, all before Him bow
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Final prayer and the Grace

Tune for God sits in the highest place

It don't matter what the proud ones say, God sits in the highest place.

E - ven when the wick - ed ones dis - o - bey, God sits in the highest place.

God sits in the high-est place, full of glo - ry, full of grace. It don't mat-ter what the

proud ones say God sits in the high-est place.

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We extend a very warm welcome to you!

United Prayer Time Fridays at 7:30-8pm

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

Pauline – *is due out today- depending on whether everyone's copy arrived! It contains notes from last week's church meeting.*

Book Club - *Is now reading Circe by Madeline Miller, discussion and chat is at 7.30pm on Thursday 10 Feb at St Paul's.*

Tuesday morning 'Guild' – *on 23rd Jan – Craft and natter. No speaker, just a chance to catch up on what we have been up to, bring knitting or another activity or just come along! 10.15 for 10.30 start All welcome*

Next Sunday – *worship at 10.30am*

LICC Learning Hub – *Session 1 from 9-12.30 on Saturday 29th January. Please put it on your diaries – see last October's Pauline and the leaflets being handed out*

Valentine's Wine Tasting – *Saturday 12th Feb. Tickets form Dennis at £25, limited availability so please book asap.*

For future events and activities please see our website



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