



**St Paul's
United
Reformed
Church**

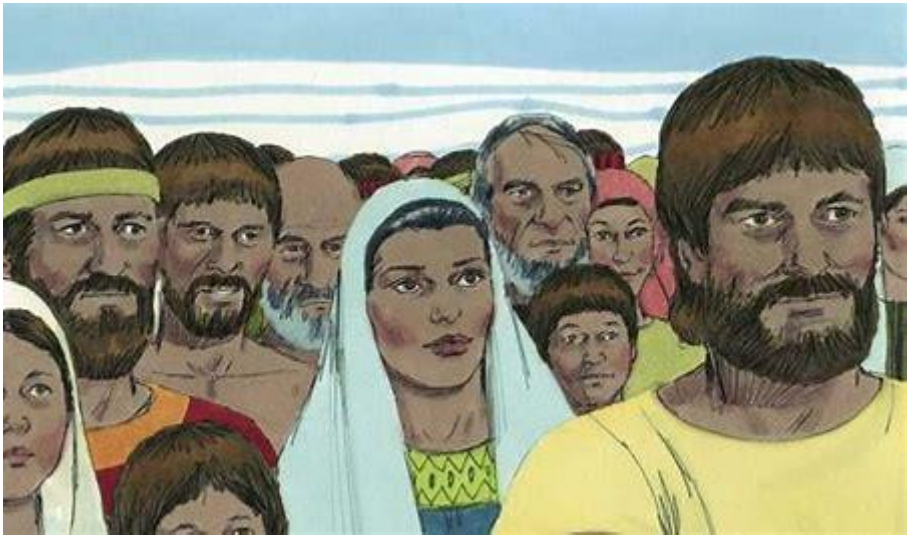
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Order of Service

Sunday 14th April 2024



Easter People

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

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

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

Lighting the peace candle

Call to Worship

So let us, today, feel the light of God's face shine on us as we worship

We are rejoicing because Christ has risen

He is risen indeed

Alleluia

Prayer of Approach

Hymn 39: All Creatures of our God and King (omit vs 5&6)

Remember Christ is risen

He is risen indeed

Alleluia

Reading: Luke 24: 36 – 48 Jesus Appears to His Disciples

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving

and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled. 'Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Talk: Let's go over that again

Prayer of Confession

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.

Hymn 195: Lord of the Dance

As that hymn has reminded us, let us repeat,
Christ is risen

He is risen indeed

Alleluia

We say the Grace together to bless our young people and
ourselves as they leave to discover more about our God in
their own groups

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

Junior Church leave for their own activities

Sermon: St. John Chrysostom

Reading: Acts 3; 1 – 19 Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the
hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man
lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily
at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he
could ask for alms from those entering the temple. 3When he

saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. 4Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. 6But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold

through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Hymn 285: O for a thousand tongues to sing

Sermon: Repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations

Hymn 579: Lord, thy church on earth is seeking

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

Let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy

Collection

Hymn 247: Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son

Blessing

Coming up...

Martin's leaving party, Friday 19th April 6-9 pm

All welcome – please bring a dish if you are able and let Pat GO/Sue know (signup sheet in corridor).

Martin's final St Paul's worship before moving to a new pastorate is next Sunday 10.30 – 3 new members, uniformed organizations, St George's day and other joyous things to celebrate in the service. Please come!

House groups continue – next dates are Thursday 18th 10.30-noon and Wednesday 24th 7.30-9pm. Do come.

Beetle Drive - Saturday 4th May, 2024

Tickets are now available from **Cathy Heath** or add your name to the sheet in the corridor. Raffle prizes are very welcome – please give these to **Helen Dean**.

Spring Christian Aid Lunch – Sunday 12th May, 2024

We will need to know the numbers so please sign up on the sheet on the church activities board in the corridor

For all future events and activities please see our website

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