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Order of Service

Sunday 19th February 2023
Sunday before Lent



Welcome to St Paul's!

This morning's service is being led by: **Rev'd Martin Knight**
The Organ is played by: **Mr 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 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.**

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

Church Notices

Lighting our Peace Candle

Call to Worship

WE SING: 405 ANGEL VOICES EVER SINGING

Prayer of Praise

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
Forever and ever. Amen

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Being Light

WE SING: SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine up on us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us -
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your life I may enter your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness -
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story -
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine

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The Grace

**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**

A Prayer of Preparation as we read God's word.

Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (pg. 987)

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reading: Matthew 25: 31-40 (pg. 807)

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry

and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

WE SING: 204 O VISION BLEST OF HEAVENLY LIGHT

(Tune: 76 'Niagara')

Up and down the Mountain

WE SING: 629 MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Prayers for Others

Offering for the work of this church

**WE SING: 382 COME, LET US JOIN
OUR CHEERFUL SONGS**

Sending Forth & Blessing



**DISASTERS
EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE**

**We are taking a special collection
today – 19th February 2023
for the DEC Turkey-Syria Appeal.**

*41,000 People have now died, with many thousands
injured and 17 million in urgent need of shelter, food
and medical aid.*

If you would prefer to donate online, details are here:
<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>



Coming up...

Tuesday Guild

'Voyage to St Kilda' with David Pickering

Tuesday 21st February, 10:15am

Prayers for Peace

Each Tuesday, 12-1pm

WarmSpace

Every Thursday 3:30-6:30pm

United Prayer Time - Zoom

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

Every Friday, 6pm

'Faith-Talk' Church Away Day – Sanderstead URC
Saturday 25th April, 10am to 1:30pm

Next Sunday Worship

led by Fran Boto

Sunday 26th February 2023, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website



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