



St Paul's
**United
Reformed
Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 5th June 2022

Pentecost & Jubilee

with Holy Communion



Fruit of the Spirit



Welcome to St Paul's!

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

This morning's service is being led by: **Rev'd Martin Knight**
The Organ is played by: **Mrs Pam Vaughn**

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.**

Church Notices

Lighting our Peace Candle

Reflection from Psalm 98

WE SING:

CREATOR GOD, YOUR LOVE ABOUNDS FOREVER;

Creation's beauty fills the earth and sky.

Your shining stars, the universe expanding,

Amazing power, creation does display.

Creator God, we lift our song to you,

How great your love, how great your love. (repeat)

**When through the fields, and mossy woods we wander,
we hear the birds, and rustling of the leaves;**

When we absorb the sunrays shining brightly,

And feel the shade beneath the spreading trees,

Creator God...

**Walking the streets, through city ways and byways
We hear the sounds of life and children's play;
When justice rings from every church's spire
We feel the hope of promises you've made.**

Creator God...

**And when we think, how love and peace surround us,
Eternal One, we scarce can take it in,
Your truth, your realm, your justice spreading broadly,
Our hearts are filled, for Love has entered in.**

Creator God...

Words: Rev'd Ana Gobledale - Tune: 'How great thou art'

Prayer of Praise

Reading: Micah 6: 6-8

(The Inclusive Bible)

'What shall I bring when I come before God,
and bow down before God on high?' you ask.
'Am I to come before God with burnt offerings?
With year-old calves?
Will God be placated by thousands of rams,
or ten thousand rivers of oil?
Should I offer my firstborn for my wrongdoings--
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'
Listen here, mortal,
God has already made abundantly clear what 'good' is,
and what God needs from you:
simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with
your God.

Prayer of Confession

The Lords' Prayer

'Fruit of the Spirit'

Reading: Galatians 5: 13-15, 22-25 (pg.948)

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**WE SING: 302 'O BREATHE OF LIFE,
COME SWEEPING THROUGH US'**

Readings: Acts 2: 1-13 (pg.885)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

WE SING: SPIRIT OF GOD, UNSEEN AS THE WIND

*gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the saviour's love.*

- 1. You spoke to us long, long ago,
Gave us the written word;
We read it still, needing its truth,
Through it God's voice is heard.
*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind...***
- 2. Without your help we fail our lord,
We cannot live his way;
We need your power, we need your strength,
Following Christ each day.
*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind...***

Words © Margaret Olds – Skye Boat Song

'Serving with the Spirit'

WE SING: 576 GOD'S SPIRIT IS DEEP IN MY HEART

(Verses 1 & 2 only)

Prayers for Others

**Offering for the work of this church
& Communion Charity Collection**
for 'Grow Baby' at Montpelier Church, Purley



HOLY COMMUNION

(The bread is gluten free and non-alcoholic wine is available on each tray)

Introduction

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you,

AND ALSO WITH YOU

WE SING: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God

Fall afresh on me;

Fill me anew, fill me anew;

Spirit of the Lord,

Fall afresh on me.

Words and music © Paul Armstrong

Invitation

We come to the table -

ALL OF US WELCOME.

We know God is with us -

AS WE BREAK BREAD TOGETHER.

We prepare to remember Jesus -

AND TO BE INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

We rejoice to be empowered by our feast -

**ALL OF US WITH HEARTS BURNING INSIDE
LIKE THE FLAME OF PENTECOST.**

The Story

The Great Prayer

*Therefore, with all your people in heaven and on earth,
we praise you, saying the hymn of your everlasting glory:*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT

HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

BLESSED IS THE ONE

WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

The Sharing

Prayer after the feast

HYMN: 574 GO FORTH AND TELL!

(Tune: 740 'Woodlands')

Sending out & Blessing

Coming up...

Prayers for Peace

St Paul's is open for private prayer every Tuesday and Thursday during the current situation in Ukraine.

Tuesdays 12-1pm

Thursdays 5-6pm

(See website/WhatsApp for changes)



Maintenance & Resources Team

Tuesday 7th June 8:00pm, Small Hall

All-Teams Meeting

A meeting for members of all Teams; to refocus as we work together.

Wednesday 8th June 7:30pm

United Prayer Time - Zoom

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

Friday evenings *at the new time of 6pm*

Next Sunday Worship

led by Rev'd Martin Knight – Trinity Sunday

Sunday 12th June 2022, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website



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