



St Paul's
**United
Reformed
Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 7th August 2022
with Holy Communion



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: **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.**

Church Notices

Call to Worship

Lighting our Peace Candle

WE SING: 39 ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

(verses 1-3 & 7)

Prayer of Praise

The Lord's Prayer

Get ready...

Reading: Luke 12: 32-40

(pg. 847)

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for

yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

WE SING: 549 ONE MORE STEP

As our youngest folk leave, we bless them and each other with the words of 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**

Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 29-35 (Pg. 977)

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

WE SING: SENT BY THE LORD, AM I

**Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the Kingdom comes.
Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the Kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
Thae task is mine to do, to set it really free.
Oh, help me to obey; help me to do your fill.**

Words © José Aguiar

*Not just waiting –
preparing in faith...*

WE SING: SENT BY THE LORD, AM I *(as above)*

Prayers for Others – *led by Linda Dean*

Offering for the work of this church

& Communion Charity Collection

for 'Legacy Youth Zone', a youth centre offering sports, climbing, martial arts, crafts, drama, homework clubs, film, media, cooking, wellbeing and more

Legacy
An **OnSide** Youth Zone

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Introduction & The Peace

*As we come to this table,
we seek peace for each other.
The peace of the Lord be with you,
AND ALSO WITH YOU*

WE SING: 452 LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Invitation, The Story and The Great Prayer

*...for all these gifts we thank you,
and we join with all your people
on earth and in heaven,
in joyful praise, as we say::*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

**BLESSED IS HE
WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

The Sharing and Prayer after the Feast

WE SING: GO TO THE WORLD!

(Tune: 658 'Sine nomine')

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Go the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, 'Amen!'
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan

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)



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, Ordination & Induction of Elders with Holy Communion

led by Rev'd Martin Knight

Sunday 14th August 2022, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website



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