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# Order of Service

*Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024*  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*



Welcome to St Paul's!

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This morning's service is being led by: **Rev'd Martin Knight**  
The Organ is played by: **Mr 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 with us in our Sunday worship and other activities – see [www.stpaulsurc.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsurc.org.uk)

Feel free to spend time before worship for quiet preparation, especially once the music begins. We light a candle during worship 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.*

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## ***Church Notices***

### **Call to Worship**

#### ***Lighting of Peace Candle***

## **WE SING: 274 GOD IS LOVE, HIS THE CARE**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving, Confession and Assurance**

#### ***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

<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

## Those who guide us to the light

**WE SING: 'LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE  
IS SHINING'**

**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...***

*Words: Graham Kendrick*

### **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: Numbers 21: 4-9** (Pg.122) **The Bronze Serpent**

<sup>4</sup> From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous<sup>Ⓜ</sup> serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22** (Pg.487)

*Including the chant: **393 'Kindle a flame'** (twice through each time)*

<sup>1</sup> *O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.*

<sup>2</sup> **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble**

<sup>3</sup> *and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.*

**'Kindle a flame...'**

<sup>17</sup> *Some were sick through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;*

<sup>18</sup> **they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.**

**'Kindle a flame...'**

<sup>19</sup> *Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,*  
**and he saved them from their distress;**  
<sup>20</sup> *he sent out his word and healed them,*  
**and delivered them from destruction.**

**'Kindle a flame...'**

<sup>21</sup> *Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,*  
*for his wonderful works to humankind.*  
<sup>22</sup> **And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,**  
**and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

## Run to the **Light**

**WE SING: 'THE SPIRIT LIVES TO SET US FREE'**

The Spirit lives to set us free,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
He binds us all in unity.  
Walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk in the light, walk in the light,*  
*Walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
To save the lost like you and me,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk in the light...*

**We know that death was not the end,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
His light will shine for all to see,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk in the light...***

**By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
Walk, walk in the light;  
God's loving kindness is revealed,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk in the light...***

*Words: Damian Lundy*

### **Prayers for Others**

**Offering for the work of this church**

**WE SING: 261 AT THE NAME OF JESUS**

*(Tune: 'Camberwell')*

### **Sending Forth & Blessing**

# Coming up...

## Tuesday Guild

*'Tour of South Africa' with Heather Richardson*

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 10:15am**

## Evening House Group

*with Fran, held at 372 Selsdon Road*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm**

## United Prayer Time - Zoom

*'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820 / Password: 1111*

**Every Saturday, 8am**

## Indoor Boot Sale

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-12:30pm**

## Next Sunday Worship

*led by Revd. Martin Knight*

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 10:30am**

## AGM & Church Meeting

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 12noon**

*For all future events and activities please see our website*

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