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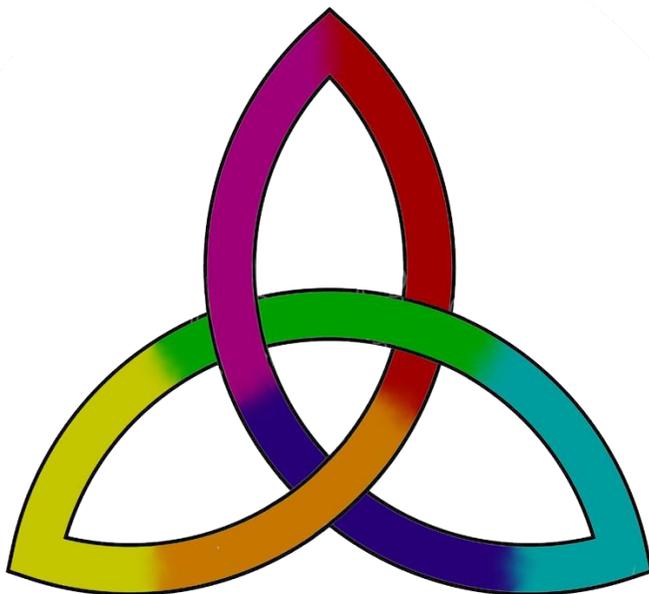
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# Order of Service

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

***Trinity Sunday***



*Welcome to St Paul's!*

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

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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 regularly 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 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.**

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### ***Lighting our Peace Candle***

#### **Call to Worship**

*God our Creator,*

*we call You Father, Mother, Author of Life:*

**DRAW US CLOSER TO YOU, O GOD.**

*Christ our Saviour,*

*we call You the Son, the Messiah, the One who Liberates:*

**DRAW US CLOSER TO YOU, O GOD.**

*Holy Spirit,*

*we call You the Advocate, the Inspirer, Breath and Wind of God:*

**DRAW US CLOSER TO YOU, O GOD.**

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty;*

*Heaven and earth are full of Your glory:*

**DRAW US CLOSER TO YOU, O GOD.**

**DRAW US IN, SPIRIT, CHRIST AND CREATOR,  
THAT WE MIGHT JOURNEY WITH YOU  
MORE FULLY AND DEEPLY,  
IN THIS LIFE AND BEYOND. AMEN.**

## **WE SING: 118 PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD!**

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

## **Diversity in God**

### **WE SING: GLORY TO GOD** *(sung twice)*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest*

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,**

**GLORY IN THE HIGHEST**

*To God be glory forever*

**TO GOD BE GLORY FOREVER**

*Alleluia! Amen!*

**ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

*Alleluia! Amen!*

**ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

*Alleluia! Amen!*

**ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

*Peruvian Gloria*

*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**

## WE SING: WE WILL TAKE WHAT YOU OFFER

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'We Will Take What You Offer'. It consists of four staves of music in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are: 'We will take what you offer, we will live by your word; we will love one another and be fed by you, Lord. We will take what you offer, we will live by your word; we will love one another and be fed by you, Lord.' The chords are: Dm, Dm7, Bdim, Bflat, F, G, A, Dm7, Bdim, Bflat, F6, G, A, Dm.

*Words: Iona Community*

### **Reading: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 10-11, 22-31**

*(pg. 515)*

- Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?
- <sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- <sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
- <sup>4</sup> 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.
- <sup>10</sup> Take my instruction instead of silver,  
and knowledge rather than choice gold;
- <sup>11</sup> for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
- <sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.
- <sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first,  
before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.

<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

**Readings: John 16: 12-15** (pg.879)

<sup>12</sup> 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**WE SING: 751 COME, HOLY GHOST,**

**Beyond. Alongside. Within.**

**WE SING: BEYOND IMPOSSIBILITY**

*(Tune: 69 'Ombersley)*

**Beyond impossibility  
where concepts such as time and space  
evaporate, are meaningless,  
there flows an endless stream of grace.**

**Deep in the darkness laughter rocks  
as human minds are changed and swayed,  
as concrete truths are shaken down  
and doctrines challenged or betrayed.**

**The greatest minds that have evolved  
have opened wonder, filled with awe,  
have pointed to infinity  
yet left a darkness to explore.**

**Unmeasured depths of gracious love,  
of Godly mischief reach and range,  
while new beginnings light our world,  
unlooked for, awesome, wondrous, strange.**

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**Prayers for Others**

***Response:* Holy, holy, holy  
IS THE GOD OF ALL CREATION!**

**Offering for the work of this church**

# **WE SING: PRAISE WITH JOY**

*(Tune: 104 'Praise my soul')*

**Praise with joy the world's creator  
God of justice, love and peace,  
source and end of human knowledge,  
force of greatness without cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory –  
power to rescue and release.**

**Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,  
clothes the naked, finds the lost,  
heals the sick, upsets religion,  
fearless of both fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence –  
friend and stranger, guest and host.**

**Praise the Spirit sent among us  
liberating truth from pride,  
forging bonds where race and gender,  
age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure –  
foolishness none dare deride.**

**Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,  
one God in community,  
calling Christians to embody  
oneness and diversity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe  
when shown Christ's vibrant unity.**

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# 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

*led by Mrs Bea Pollard*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 10:30am**

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



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