



St Paul's
**United
Reformed
Church**

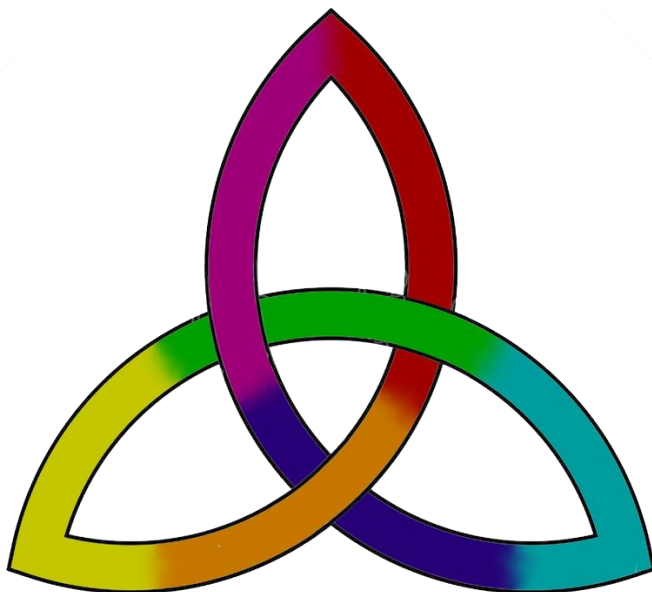
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Order of Service

Sunday 12th June 2022

Trinity Sunday



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 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

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.**

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!

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

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

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ 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,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

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

¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All 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 19th June 2022, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website



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