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A Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

Sunday 18th September 2022



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 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.**

Call to Worship

Lighting our Peace Candle

WE SING: 705 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Prayer of Praise & Confession

*Where we fail you, where we fail each other,
where we fail creation, we pray:*

LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

CHRIST, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

*The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
AND THERE SHALL NO TORMENT TOUCH THEM.*

You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,

MY EYES FROM TEARS

AND MY FEET FROM FALLING.

I will walk before the Lord

IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING.

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*

Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-5 (pg. 553)

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Marking Moments with God

WE SING: 349 I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

Reading: John 11: 20-27 (pg. 874)

²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

Example of Service & Faith

**WE SING: FOR ALL THE SAINTS
WHO SHOWED YOUR LOVE**

(Tune: O WALY WALY)

**For all the saints who showed your love
in how they lived and where they moved,
for mindful women, like our Queen,
accept our gratitude again.**

**For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.**

**For all the saints who named your will,
and saw your Kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.**

**Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.**

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Reading: Revelation 21: 1-4 (pg. 1007)

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’

Comfort & Hope

Opportunity to Light a Candle

‘Lux Aeterna’ (Nimrod), Choir of New College, Oxford

‘May everlasting light shine upon them, O Lord’

Prayers for Others

Offering for the work of this church

WE SING: WE STAND TO MOURN A SOVEREIGN

(Tune: THAXTED - 'I vow to thee, my country')

**We stand to mourn a sovereign,
a nation's guide and friend,
who through long years of tumult
was faithful to the end.**

**We offer our thanksgiving
for all that she instilled:
her constancy of service,
her lifetime's vow fulfilled.**

**Now from our world departed -
though never from our hearts -
receive her in the peace, Lord,
your love alone imparts.**

**And as we mark a passing
of sceptre, orb, and throne,
we'll find in her compassion
a pattern for our own:
that all who stand in mourning,
or languish now in fear,
may know again your promise
to wipe away each tear.**

**With her we'll join in witness,
Christ's mercies our refrain:
great Sovereign of the nations,
eternal is your reign!**

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A Minutes Silence

Commendation

**WE SING: 603 LORD, FOR THE YEARS
YOUR LOVE HAS KEPT AND GUIDED**

Sending out & Blessing

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.**

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)



Tuesday Guild – we're back!

Our Welcome Meeting – Presentation of Programme

Tuesday 20th September 2022, 10:30am-12noon

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 John Ponsford

Sunday 25th September 2022, 10:30am

URC Jubilee events

*Table Top Sale, Barn Dance and Special Service
to mark 50 years of the URC!*

1st & 2nd October 2022

For all future events and activities please see our website

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