

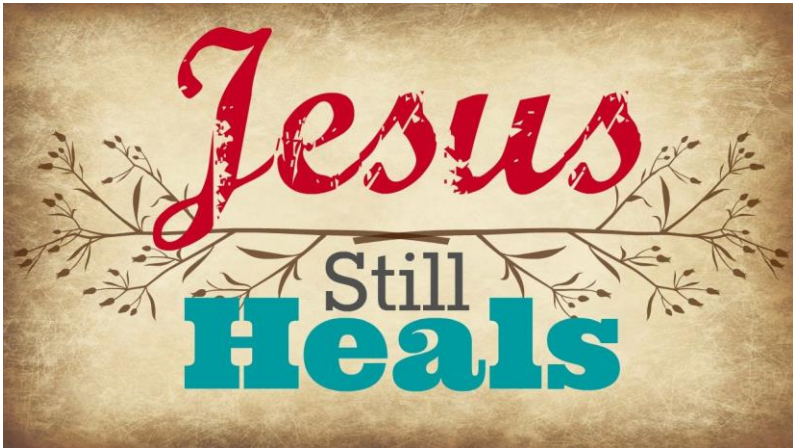


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# Order of Service

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022



Welcome to St Paul's!

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](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.**

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

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## **Church Notices**

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

### **Call to Worship**

## **WE SING: BE STILL, FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy one, is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
in Him no sin is found -  
we stand on Holy ground  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy one is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with Holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight -  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace:  
no work too hard for him -  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.**

*Words: David J. Evans*

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

# *Find time to be thankful*

**Reading: Luke 17: 11-19** (pg. 852)

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go

and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

## **WE SING: GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O32x3Fkwjbl>

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

*(repeat)*

**And now, let the weak say, 'I am strong',  
let the poor say, 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us;**

*(repeat)*

*Words© Henry Smith*

*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**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 66: 1-12**

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

<sup>2</sup> **SING THE GLORY OF HIS NAME;  
GIVE TO HIM GLORIOUS PRAISE.**

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power,  
your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> **ALL THE EARTH WORSHIPS YOU;  
THEY SING PRAISES TO YOU,  
SING PRAISES TO YOUR NAME.'**

<sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

<sup>6</sup> **HE TURNED THE SEA INTO DRY LAND;  
THEY PASSED THROUGH THE RIVER ON FOOT.**

There we rejoiced in him,

<sup>7</sup> **WHO RULES BY HIS MIGHT FOR EVER,**

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

**LET THE REBELLIOUS NOT EXALT THEMSELVES.**

<sup>8</sup> bless our God, O peoples,

let the sound of his praise be heard,

<sup>9</sup> **WHO HAS KEPT US AMONG THE LIVING,  
AND HAS NOT LET OUR FEET SLIP.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;

you have tried us as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **YOU BROUGHT US INTO THE NET;  
YOU LAID BURDENS ON OUR BACKS;**

<sup>12</sup> you let people ride over our heads;

we went through fire and through water;

**YET YOU HAVE BROUGHT US OUT  
TO A SPACIOUS PLACE.**

# Geography Matters

**WE SING: 648 JESU, JESU**

## Healing is not a spectator sport

**WE SING: O CHRIST, THE HEALER, WE HAVE COME**

*(Tune: 433 'Hereford')*

**O Christ, the Healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored  
when reached by love that never ends?**

**From every ailment flesh endures  
our bodies clamour to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess  
that wholeness is our deepest need.**

**In conflicts that destroy our health  
we recognise the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills.  
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?**

**Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us,  
shall reach the whole of humankind.**

*Words© Fred Pratt Green*

## *Jesus still heals*

### **Prayers for Others**

*Using the song:*      **In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid;  
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;  
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

*Taizé Community*

### ***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

### **Offering for the work of this church**

**WE SING: 285 O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

### **Blessing**

# Coming up...

## Tuesday Guild

*'The Night the Zeppelin Came' – with Ian Castle*  
Small Hall

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10:15am**

## Prayers for Peace

*The Sanctuary*

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 12-1pm**

## St Paul's Book Club

*'The Surgeon of Crowthorne' by Simon Winchester*  
At St Paul's

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30-9pm**

## United Prayer Time - Zoom

*for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church*  
*'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm**

## Next Sunday Worship,

*led by Fran Boto*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 10:30am**

***Martin is away on retreat until Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.***

*Please contact Sue or Bea in an emergency*

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

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