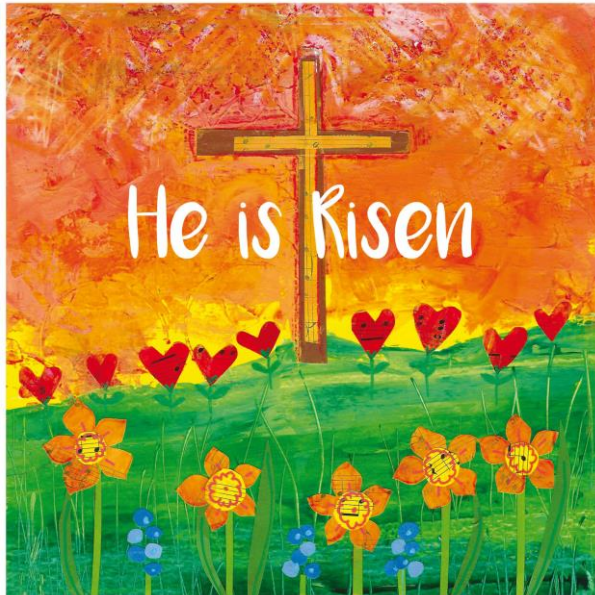


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# Order of Service

*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023*  
*with Holy Communion*



*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: **Mrs 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](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**

### **Call to Worship**

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

*Christ is risen!*

***HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!***

**WE SING: 260 CHRIST IS ALIVE!  
LET CHRISTIANS SING**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Christ is risen!*

***HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!***

## ***The Lords' 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
The power and the glory Forever and ever. Amen*

## **'Easter Creche'**

**WE SING: 264 HE IS LORD, HE IS LORD**

### **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**

# **CHOCOLATE STORY**

**WE SING: 234 ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.'

<sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

*'A story worth sharing!'*

**WE SING: WE HAVE A GOSPEL TO PROCLAIM**

*(Tune: 613 'Fulda')*

**We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
– not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary:  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the cross,  
for all he loved his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
empty the tomb, for he was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth!**

*Words: Edward Joseph Burns*

## **Prayers for Others**

**Offering for the work of this church**  
*& Communion Charity offering for Shelter Box,  
a charity that provides shelter and aid to families around the  
world who have lost their homes to disaster or conflict.*

*Christ is risen!*

**HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**



## Easter Communion

***Welcome to the meal***

### **The Peace**

*The peace of the Lord be with you,*  
**AND ALSO WITH YOU**

**WE SING: 453 LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY**

***Why do we share this meal?***

### **Prayer**

*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*

***Sharing***

***Thanks***

## **WE SING: THINE BE THE GLORY**

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou, o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love,  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

### **Sending Out**

*Christ is risen!*

**HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

**Doxology: 21**     *(Sung as the Bread and Wine are taken out)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

# Coming up...

## Tuesday Guild

*Transforming how you move – joint care!*

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

## Prayers for Peace

**Each Tuesday, 12-1pm**

## Synod Area Prayer - Zoom

*'Zoom' Meeting ID: 896 3882 1888*

*Password: URC50*

**Every Thursday, 5pm**

## United Prayer Time - Zoom

*'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820*

**Every Friday, 7pm**

## Next Sunday Worship

*Baptism, reception of New Members and Holy Communion  
led by Rev'd Martin Knight*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 10:30am**

*with a Bring and Share lunch after the service!*

*Looking ahead: **Christian Aid Lunch***

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023,**

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



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