



St Paul's
**United
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Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 1st August 2021
including Holy Communion
with charity offering for 'International Needs'

BREAD TO AVOID

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with Holy Communion



Welcome to St Paul's!

This morning's service is being led by: **Revd Martin Knight**
The Organ is played by: **Mr John Hankin**

Important notes:

- It is a joy to welcome you to this service! St Paul's URC has a **full Covid-19 Risk Assessment**, which is helping to keep everyone safe, so please follow the advice you are given in church.
- Please continue to **maintain social distancing** where possible and we encourage people to **wash and sanitise their hands regularly**.
- The hymns and responses will continue to be in the **Order sheet and on the TV, but feel free to pick up a Hymn books or bible should you wish**.
- Our worship will now include some **seated congregational singing** and we will continue to find creative ways of using music!
- In line with guidance from the URC, **we strongly recommend you continue to wear a mask indoors**, but we recognise this is now a matter of personal choice.
- **Offertory** – to reduce contact with physical notes and coins at this time, Standing Orders, bank transfers or card payments are preferred (please ask those who welcomed you at the door for more information), but there is also a labelled collection box as you leave, where you can place your offertory.
- We pray that you will know God's presence as we worship – in church, at home, online, in the garden, at work or school, and in all places.

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.

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

Church Notices

Call to Worship

WE SING: 469 'AS WE ARE GATHERED' *(sung twice)*

**As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, built up in love,
part of the Body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
one with each other, Jesus is here;**

Words: anon

Prayers of Approach & Praise

The Lord's Prayer

Response:

We praise you O God.

AND BLESS YOUR HOLY NAME

Reading: John 6: 24-35 *(pg.867)*

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'

²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

YUCKY BREAD!

MUSIC for reflection: 'BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE'

**Break thou the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as thou did'st break the loaves
beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page
I see thee, Lord,
my Spirit longs for thee,
O Living Word.**

**Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
to me, to me,
as thou did'st bless the bread
by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace,
my all in all.**

Words: Mary A. Lathbury

Reading: Psalm 51: 1-12

(pg.452)

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

BREAD TO AVOID – BREAD THAT FILLS

WE SING: ‘I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY’

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living bread, O hungry one;
sit down and eat and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I ate
of that life-giving food.
My hunger filled, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am the dawning light.
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Words: H. Bonar
2nd verse altd. Martin Knight

Prayers of Confession & Intercession

(silent prayer, followed by...)

The Kingdom of God is coming because:

**SOMEWHERE SOMEONE IS KIND WHEN OTHERS ARE UNKIND,
SOMEWHERE SOMEONE SHARES WITH ANOTHER IN NEED,
SOMEWHERE SOMEONE REFUSES TO HATE,
WHILE OTHERS HATE,
SOMEWHERE SOMEONE IS PATIENT - AND WAITS IN LOVE,
SOMEWHERE SOMEONE RETURNS GOOD FOR EVIL,
SOMEWHERE SOMEONE SERVES ANOTHER, IN LOVE,
SOMEWHERE SOMEONE IS CALM IN A STORM,
SOMEWHERE SOMEONE IS LOVING EVERYBODY.
IS THAT SOMEONE YOU? AMEN**

HOLY COMMUNION

(The bread is gluten free and non-alcoholic juice is available on each tray)

Introduction and *The Peace*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU

'MUSIC for reflection: 'I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE'

The University of Notre Dame Folk Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX4uC3a7RC8>

**I am the Bread of life,
he who comes to Me shall not hunger,
He who believes in Me shall not thirst.
No one comes to Me
unless the Father beckon
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.**

***Yo soy la resurrección
Yo soy la vida
El que cree en mi
Incluso si muere;
Vivirá para eterna
y lo resucitaré
y lo resucitaré
y lo resucitaré en el último día.***

***I am the resurrection
I am the life
He who believes in me
even if he die
he shall live for ever.
and I will raise him up
and I will raise him up
and I will raise him up
on the last day.***

**Lord, I believe
that You are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come
into the world.
And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

Words: Suzanne Toolan

Invitation

The Story

...broke it and gave it to them with the words,
**'THIS IS MY BODY. IT IS BROKEN FOR YOU,
DO THIS TO REMEMBER ME.'**

Later, he took a cup of wine, saying,
**'THIS CUP IS GOD'S NEW COVENANT,
SEALED WITH MY BLOOD.
DRINK FROM IT ALL OF YOU, TO REMEMBER ME.'**

Thanksgiving Prayer

*...so now, in gratitude,
we join our voices
with those of the Church on earth and in heaven, as we say:*
**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

*Lord God,
as we come to share the richness of your table,
We cannot forget the rawness of the earth.*

*We cannot take bread
And forget those who are hungry.*
LORD, PUT OUR PROSPERITY AT THE SERVICE OF THE POOR.

*We cannot take wine
And forget those who are thirsty.*
LORD, PUT OUR FULLNESS AT THE SERVICE OF THE EMPTY.

The Sharing

Prayer at the end of the meal

WE SING: 72 'NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD'

Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns,
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinkart

Sending forth & Blessing

Communion Charity Offering

Our special charity collection as part of our Communion services, help us to focus our minds on our brothers and sisters.

Today, there will be a basket on your way out, for 'International Needs' – a local charity, based in Selsdon, that helps families around the world, suffering poverty and crisis to create a sustainable future.



International Needs

Helping families create a sustainable future



Coming up...

Maintenance and Resources Team

Tuesday 3rd August 8:00pm

Elders' Meeting

Wednesday 4th August 8:00pm

United Prayer Time - Zoom

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

Friday evenings at 7:30-8:00pm

Next Sunday's Worship

led by Revd Martin Knight

Sunday 8th August 2021, 10:30am



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