
Order of Service

Sunday 26th November 2023



Christ the King

Welcome to St Paul's!

This morning's service is being led by: **Rev'd Martin Knight**
The Piano is played by: **Elaine Leck**

It is a joy to welcome you to this service!

If you do not attend a church elsewhere, we invite you to join 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.**

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

Church Notices

Lighting our Peace Candle

Call to Worship

What kind of king is this?

A king who acts as a shepherd,

a king who seeks out the lost,

a king who is born in a stable and rides a donkey

THIS IS OUR KING.

What kind of king is this?

A king who is a refuge in times of trouble and grief,

a king who shelters us from fear,

a king who ceases war, shatters the spear,

breaks the bow and burns the shield.

THIS IS OUR KING.

What kind of a king is this?

A king who forgave his executioners,

a king who promised paradise to a thief,

a king who reached through his agony to offer hope.

THIS IS OUR KING, JESUS CHRIST,

IN WHOM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING.

WE SING: CHRIST TRIUMPHANT, EVER REIGNING

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:**

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:**

Yours the glory...

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:**

Yours the glory...

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:**

Yours the glory...

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:**

Yours the glory...

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Prayer of Approach, Confession & Assurance

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory Forever and ever. Amen

Who do we follow?

Readings: Matthew 25: 34-40

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³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

WE SING: 141 MAKE WAY, MAKE WAY

The Grace

As our younger folk leave for their time together...

**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**

Readings: Matthew 25: 41-46

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⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

⁴⁴Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Psalm 100

(Pg.481)

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

WE SING: 552 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS
(omit vs.5)

We are his people

WE SING: 522 FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME

Prayers for Others

Offering for the work of this church

WE SING: 135ii JOY TO THE WORLD

Sending forth & Blessing

**All are welcome to join us for refreshments
and time together, in the halls, after the service!**

Coming up...

The Tuesday Guild

'Craft and Natter'

Tuesday 28th November, 10:15am

Short Service for Peace

Martin will be in the Sanctuary for a 30min service as we seek peace for our world. You are very welcome to join him in person or via

zoom: Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820 / Password: 1111

(A message will go out, if this is not running)

Friday's, 7:45-8:15pm

United Prayer Time – Zoom

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820 / Password: 1111

If you would like us to pray for you or a person/situation close to you, please message/email Martin or Sue.

Every Saturday, 8am

Decorating the Sanctuary

Saturday afternoon, tbc

(check whatsapp, or contact Sue for time)

Next Sunday Worship **First Sunday of Advent**

led by Rev'd Martin Knight

Sunday 3rd December 2023, 10:30am

***For all future events and activities please see our website,
including our Christmas Services and Events***



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