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# Order of Service

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022*



## Remembrance

*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 Robert Cooper**

## **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***

## **WE SING: 586ii ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED**

*(During which the Uniformed Organisations parade their colours)*

### **Prayer of Praise**

#### ***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

# ***Cry to God!***

**1:1** How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She that was a princess among the provinces  
has become a vassal.

<sup>2</sup> She weeps bitterly in the night,  
with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her;  
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,  
they have become her enemies.

**1:11** All her people groan as they search for bread;  
they trade their treasures for food  
to revive their strength.  
Look, O LORD, and see  
how worthless I have become.

<sup>12</sup> Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see  
if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,  
which was brought upon me,  
which the LORD inflicted  
on the day of his fierce anger.

**5:19** But you, O LORD, reign for ever;  
your throne endures to all generations.

<sup>20</sup> Why have you forgotten us completely?  
Why have you forsaken us these many days?

<sup>21</sup> Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored;  
renew our days as of old—

<sup>22</sup> unless you have utterly rejected us,  
and are angry with us beyond measure.

# **WE SING: WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO DIE IN WAR**

*(Tune: 447ii 'St Botolph')*

- 1. We pray for all who die in war  
and have no more to give;  
those silenced by the pain of death,  
We pray Lord, give them peace.**
  
- 2. We pray for all who's love is lost,  
who mourn the empty chair.  
Where years are passed but hearts still torn,  
we pray Lord, give them peace.**
  
- 3. We pray for those who live the past;  
whose minds are still at war.  
Where haunting terrors plague the soul,  
We pray Lord, give them peace.**
  
- 4. We pray for those who rightly fear  
that wars will never end.  
Teach us its madness and its pain;  
We pray Lord, give us peace.**
  
- 5. We pray as we have never prayed,  
and cry for wars to cease!  
Lord, give us strength to live and work  
for everlasting peace.**

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*Signs of hope*

## **Act of Remembrance**

*(position in Order may change to meet 11am)*

### **Roll of Names & Laying of Wreath**

*'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the Sun and in the morning  
we will remember them.'*

### **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

#### **Responsive Reading:      Psalm 46**

*God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,*

**Though the mountains shake  
in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble  
with its tumult.**

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.*

**God is in the midst of the city;  
it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

*The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.*

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.*

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.**

*'Be still, and know that I am God!*

**I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.'**

*All:*

**THE LORD OF HOSTS IS WITH US;  
THE GOD OF JACOB IS OUR REFUGE.**

## **WE SING: Beauty for Brokenness**

**1. Beauty for brokenness  
Hope for despair  
Lord, in the suffering  
This is our prayer  
Bread for the children  
Justice, joy, peace  
Sunrise to sunset  
Your kingdom increase!**

**2. Shelter for fragile lives  
Cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsman  
Trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed  
Rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who can't speak**

***God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame***

**3. Refuge from cruel wars  
Havens from fear  
Cities for sanctuary  
Freedoms to share  
Peace to the killing-fields  
Scorched earth to green  
Christ for the bitterness  
His cross for the pain  
God of the poor...**

**4. Lighten our darkness  
Breathe on this flame  
Until your justice  
Burns brightly again  
Until the nations  
Learn of your ways  
Seek your salvation  
And bring you their praise  
God of the poor...**

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**Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12 (pg.785)**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

***'Blessed are...'***

## **WE SING: 629 MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE**

### **Prayers of Peace and Confession**

**Offering for the work of this church**

## **WE SING: 144 IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR**

*(During which colours are returned)*

### **Sending Forth & Blessing**

## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

*This Official Peace version was approved by the Royal Privy Council in 1919  
to mark the end of 'the War to end all wars'.*

**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!**

**Of many a race and birth  
From utmost ends of earth  
God save us all!  
Bid strife and hatred cease  
Bid hope and joy increase  
Spread universal peace  
God save us all!**









# Coming up...

## Tuesday Guild

*'Carriage driving through the ages'*

*Small Hall*

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

## Prayers for Peace

*The Sanctuary*

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 12-1pm**

## United Prayer Time - Zoom

*for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church*

*'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820*

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm**

## Next Sunday Worship,

*led by Rev'd Martin Knight*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 10:30am**

*followed by*

## Church Meeting

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



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