



*St Paul's*  
**United  
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# Order of Service

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021*



## Welcome to St Paul's!

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

## 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.

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**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 (seated): 292 'WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES'**

1 When morning  
gilds the skies,  
my hearts awaking cries:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised!*  
Alike at work and prayer  
to him I would repair:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised!*

2 When sleep her balm denies  
my silent spirit sighs:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised!*  
When evil thoughts molest,  
with this I shield my breast:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised!*

3 Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised!*  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised!*

4 Let earth's wide circle round  
in joyful notes resound:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised!*  
Let air and sea and sky  
from depths to height reply:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised!*

5 Be this, while life is mine;  
my canticle divine:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised!*  
Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages long:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Words: Anon. German hymn tr. Edward Caswell*

### Prayers of Praise and *The Lord's Prayer*

**Reading: Psalm 34: 1-8, 11-14**

*(pg.441)*

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

- <sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.
- <sup>3</sup> O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.
- <sup>4</sup> I sought the Lord, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.
- <sup>5</sup> Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup> This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,  
and was saved from every trouble.
- <sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- <sup>8</sup> O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.
- <sup>11</sup> Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- <sup>12</sup> Which of you desires life,  
and covets many days to enjoy good?
- <sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil,  
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- <sup>14</sup> Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.

## *Imitating God*

### **MUSIC for reflection: 'WE ARE MARCHING'**

*Angel City Chorale and Amy Foundation Choir*

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

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos**

**We are marching in the light of God.**

*South African Traditional*

## **Junior Church blessing**

***The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all, Evermore. Amen***

**Reading: Ephesians 4: 25-5:2**

(pg.951)

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Imitating, Reflecting, Following*

## **MUSIC for reflection: 'A NEW COMMANDMENT'**

A new commandment I give unto you:  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.  
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*From John 13: 34,35*

### **Prayers of Peace and Hope**

*...in the light and beauty of day*

**WE GIVE THANKS IN AWE AND WONDER**

*In the dark and stillness of night*

**WE DREAM OF HEALING AND HOPE**

## **WE SING (seated): 586      'ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED'**

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory  
swords and crown betray our trust;  
what with care and toil is builded,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness eye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought;  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all;  
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Words: Robert Bridges altd. based on Joachim Neander (1650-80)*

## **Sending forth & Blessing**

*We hold in our hearts  
the certainty that the Spirit of life is with us always.*

**WHEN OUR HEARTS ARE TORN APART  
OR WHEN WE SOAR WITH SWEET JOY,  
WE ARE NEVER ALONE,  
NEVER APART,  
FROM THE SPIRIT THAT RESIDES WITHIN US,  
THAT GUIDES OUR LIVES AND CHERISHES US ALWAYS.**

*We go, trusting in the blessing of God,  
Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**AMEN. MAY IT BE SO!**

## Coming up...

### Guild Social Time

*at the home of Heather Richardson*

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30-8:00pm**

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 10:30am**

## Don't forget

**to take a look at the 'Youth Room Proposal' display,  
which is in the Youth Room.**

**There are plenty of post-it notes  
for you to leave your comments!**



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