
Order of Service

Sunday 20th November 2022

'Reign of Christ'



Welcome to St Paul's!

This morning's service is being led by: **Rev'd Martin Knight**
The Organ is played by: **Mr 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

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

Call to Worship

Lighting our Peace Candle

What kind of king is this?

A king who acts as a shepherd,

a king who seeks out the lost,

a king who is a gentle guide.

*A king who raises up gentle careful shepherds
to care for the flock.*

THIS IS OUR KING.

What kind of king is this?

A king who is a refuge in times of trouble,

a king who shelters us from fear,

a king who sustains us in good times and bad.

*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.
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

WE SING: LISTEN TO THE WORD

The musical notation is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: Lis-ten to the word that God has spo - ken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that be- gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

Canadian, transcribed by John L. Bell

Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 (pg. 633)

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Which crown?

WE SING: HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah
Hallelujah!
Hallejuah!**

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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

Readings: Luke 23: 33-38 (pg. 859)

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

Colossians 1: 11-20 (pg. 956)

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

The Reign of Christ

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

Coming up...

Tuesday Guild

'Craft and Natter'

Small Hall

Tuesday 22nd November, 10:15am

Prayers for Peace

The Sanctuary

Tuesday 22nd November, 12-1pm

United Prayer Time - Zoom

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

Friday 18th November, 6pm

Bible Study Breakfast

at South Croydon United Church

Sunday 27th November 2022, 9-10am

Next Sunday Worship – 1st Sunday of Advent

led by John Ponsford

Sunday 27th November 2022, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website



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