



St Paul's
**United
Reformed
Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 3rd July 2022
with Holy Communion
and the Baptism of Ismay Erin Watt



Welcome to St Paul's!

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

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

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.**

Church Notices

Call to Worship

Lighting our Peace Candle

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

Prayer of Praise

The Lord's Prayer

Reading: Luke 9: 51-62 (pg.843)

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹ To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹ Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶² Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

'Following'

Baptism of Ismay Erin Watt

Introduction

The Baptism Candle is lit & Faith is Proclaimed

The Lord is here.

GOD'S SPIRIT IS WITH US.

Jesus Christ came that we might have life

AND HAVE IT IN ALL ITS FULLNESS.

As we come to baptize Ismay Erin Watt

we light a candle

proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

He calls us to follow him,

He is our light,

He is the centre of our faith.

(a candle is lit)

Jesus Christ, Light of the World

**MAY WE BLAZE IN THE DARKNESS
WITH YOUR UNQUENCHABLE FIRE.**

The Parent/s affirm their faith

Prayer with water

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

In your goodness, you gave us water

To sustain our life and renew the earth.

May it be for Ismay, the water of new birth.

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER

(water is poured & blessed)

The Baptism

Declaration & Blessing

Ismay, you are surrounded by love.

*God receives you into the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church
and that church gathered here, blesses you:*

**THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU,
AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU;
THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU,
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.**

Promises: *By the congregation* *(please stand, as you are able)*

As a community of faith, representing the whole Church.

*Do you welcome Ismay and promise to share with her
what you yourselves have received,*

The gift of God's love in Christ?

WE DO, WITH GOD'S HELP

Presentation

Enjoy God's story

May it inspire you on your way

As you shine as Christ's light to the world.

ALLELUIA! AMEN!

WE SING: 489 'BE THOU MY VISION'

As our youngest folk leave, we bless them and each other with the words of 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**

**"I will follow you
wherever you go"**

WE SING: 'I THE LORD, OF SEA AND SKY'

I have heard my people cry.

**All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.**

**I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.**

Who will bear my light to them?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord...

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life for them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord...

Words: Daniel L. Schutte

**Offering for the work of this church
& Communion Charity Collection**

for 'Young minds', fighting for young people's mental health in Croydon

YOUNGMINDS
The voice for young people's mental health and wellbeing

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Introduction & The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you,
AND ALSO WITH YOU

WE SING: 'AT YOUR TABLE, LORD, WE ARE FED'

**at your table, Lord, we are fed
at your table, Lord, we are fed
O Lord, feed us here.**

**Fill our spirits, Lord, with your love,
fill our Spirits, Lord, with your love,
fill our spirits, Lord, with your love,
O Lord, give your love.**

**Make us faithful, Lord, to your call,
make us faithful, Lord, to your call,
make us faithful, Lord, to your call,
O Lord, to your call.**

Words: African Trad. & Martin Knight

Tune: 'Kum ba yah'

Invitation & The Story

The Great Prayer & Prayers for the World

*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!**

The Sharing & Prayer after the feast

WE SING: 345 GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Sending out & Blessing

Coming up...

Prayers for Peace

St Paul's is open for private prayer every Tuesday and Thursday during the current situation in Ukraine.

Tuesdays 12-1pm

Thursdays 5-6pm



Guild Coffee Morning – All welcome!

Tuesday 5th July 10:30am, 'The Manse'

140 Croham Valley Road, CR2 7RA

Elders' Meeting

Wednesday 6th July 8pm, Youth Room

St Paul's Book Club – 'A London Child of the 1870s'

Coach House Café, Coombe Wood Gardens

Thursday 7th July 8pm, Youth Room

United Prayer Time - Zoom

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

Friday evenings at the **new time of 6pm**

Next Sunday Worship

led by Fran Boto

Sunday 10th July 2022, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website



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