



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

*Sunday 15<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 George Godsmark**

## 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): 'WE GATHER IN THIS PLACE TODAY'**

We gather in this place today  
To hear a word we need;  
From Jesus' teaching we gain strength;  
We listen. We take heed.

We come with open hearts and minds  
To hear a word we need;  
To sing of hope; to pray for peace,  
For loving is our creed.

We come to lift our spirits high;  
To hear a word we need  
To help enrich the lives we live;  
And then in faith proceed.

We come concerned about our world,  
To hear a word we need  
To prompt us work for equity;  
Stand up for those who bleed.

We gather in this place today  
To hear a word we need  
To stir us into love and care,  
And go where Christ will lead.

*Words: George Stuart*

<sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **GIVE THANKS AT ALL TIMES**

### **Prayers of Praise**

*The Lord's Prayer*

### **MUSIC for reflection: 'SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS'**

**Sing of the Lord's goodness, lover of all wisdom,  
come to our God now with praise.**

**Mercy has God shown us, God's love is forever,  
faithful to the end of days.**

*Come then, all you nations,  
sing of the Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory,  
praise God with your music  
worship the Lord, bless his name.*

**Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high;  
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,  
splendour of the living God.**

*Come then, all you nations...*

Praise God with your singing,  
                  praise God with the trumpet,  
praise God with the lute and harp;  
praise God with the cymbals,  
                  praise God with your dancing,  
praise God till the end of days.  
                  *Come then, all you nations...*

*Words: Ernest Sands  
alt: Martin Knight*

## **The Grace**

***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 5: 15-20**

*(pg.952)*

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**'GRANT US WISDOM'**

# **MUSIC for reflection: 'Keep me travelling'**

sung by Billy Doze

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7bT4qfeZRY>

One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go;  
from the old things to the new  
keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
and the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me:  
*and it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me traveling along with you.*

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though this world is tough;  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me traveling along with you:  
*and it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me traveling along with you.*

You are older than the world can be,  
you are younger than the life in me;  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me traveling along with you:  
*and it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me traveling along with you.*

Words: Sydney Carter

## **Prayers of Intercession**

## **WE SING (seated): 344 'GOD OF GRACE & GOD OF GLORY'**

God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore.

*Words: H. E. Fosdick*

**Sending forth & Blessing**

# Coming up...

## 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 Fran Boto*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</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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