



St Paul's
United
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Church

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Order of Service

*Sunday 4th July 2021
Including Holy Communion
with charity offering for 'Sense'.*



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: **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 notices and advice you are given in church.
 - As you can see, we are using printed **Order sheets rather than Hymn books and bibles**. These Orders have been quarantined for 72hrs before the service. All hymns will also appear on the TV screen.
 - **Offertory** – to reduce contact with physical notes and coins at this time, Standing Orders and bank transfers are preferred, but there is also a labelled collection box at the side, where you can place your offertory.
 - Until government guidance changes, there will be **no congregational singing** during our services, but we will find other creative ways of using music!
 - Our service will be **broadcast via zoom** for folk at home.
 - 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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Church Notices

Call to Worship

Lighting of Peace Candle

MUSIC for reflection: 'All things bright and beautiful'

by John Rutter, Cambridge Singers, London Sinfonia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXFCZQDqlQ8>

**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.**

All things bright and beautiful...

**The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one;**

All things bright and beautiful...

**He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.**

Words: Cecil Francis Alexander

Music: John Rutter

Prayers of Praise & Confession

Led by Junior Church

Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person...⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.

⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.

⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Expect God to come through (despite the thorns)

MUSIC for reflection: 'Have you heard God's voice?'

Sung by Ruth and Joy Everingham

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzJr9T5JYRU>

(PP)

**Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred?
Are you still prepared to follow?
Have you made a choice to remain and serve,
though the way be rough and narrow?**

*Will you walk the path that will cost you much
and embrace the pain and sorrow?*

*Will you trust in One who entrusts to you
the disciples of tomorrow?*

**Will you use your voice; will you not sit down
when the multitudes are silent?
Will you make a choice to stand your ground
when the crowds are turning violent?**

Will you walk the path...

**In your city streets will you be God's heart?
Will you listen to the voiceless?
Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start,
will you share your faith with the faithless?**

Will you walk the path...

**Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith
and believe it could be different?
Will you share your views using words of grace?
Will you leave a thoughtful imprint?**

*We will walk the path that will cost us much
and embrace the pain and sorrow.
We will trust in One who entrusts to us
the disciples of tomorrow.*

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Prayers of Intercession & Confession

The Lord's Prayer

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Introduction & The Peace

*As we come to this meal,
we seek peace among each other and for the world.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU

Invitation

The Story

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Sharing

MUSIC for reflection: 'Let us break bread together'

Let us break bread together in the Lord;
let us break bread together in the Lord:

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together in the Lord;
let us drink wine together in the Lord:

When I fall on my knees...

Let us praise God together in the Lord;
let us praise God together in the Lord:

When I fall on my knees...

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Prayer at the end of the meal

MUSIC for reflection: 'Now let us from this table rise'

Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us courage, Loving-God
to choose again the pilgrim way
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Words: Fred Kann - Tune: 'Niagara'

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

Elders' Meeting

via 'Zoom'

Wednesday 7th July 2021, 8:00pm

Book Club

Coach House Café in Conduit Lane

'Longbourne' by Jo Baker

Wednesday 8th July 2021, 12:30-2:00pm

Next Sunday's Worship

led by Rev'd Martin Knight

Sunday 11th July 2021, 10:30am



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