



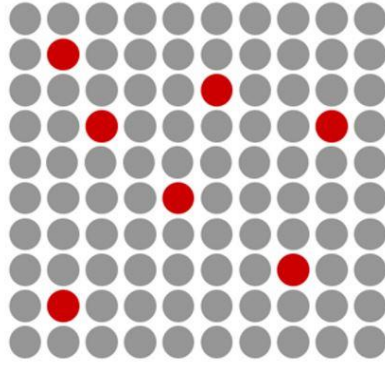
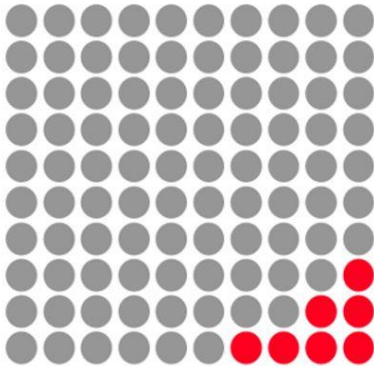
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# Order of Service

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

‘All the difference in the world’



Welcome to St Paul's!

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

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

## **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](http://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.**

*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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## **Call to Worship**

### ***Lighting our Peace Candle***

## **WE SING: BE STILL**

for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy one, is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
in Him no sin is found -  
we stand on Holy ground  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy one is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with Holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight -  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace:  
no work too hard for him -  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

*Words: David J Evans*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Confession**

### ***Lords' Prayer***

...we are here God.

**WE ARE HERE TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP YOU.**

...we are here, Jesus

**WE ARE HERE TO FOLLOW YOU.**

...we are here, Holy Spirit

**WE ARE HERE EXPECTING TO BE FILLED WITH LOVE**

...*God have mercy on us*

**GOD HAVE MERCY ON US**

...*Christ is risen!*

**HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

**Reading: Mark 4: 26-29**

(pg.815)

<sup>26</sup> He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

## **WE SING: 243 NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES**

*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**

**Readings: 1 Peter 1: 1-2**

(NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup>who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: may grace and peace be yours in abundance.

# 1 Peter 1: 1-2

(The Message)

<sup>1-2</sup> I, Peter, am an apostle on assignment by Jesus, the Messiah, writing to exiles scattered to the four winds. Not one is missing, not one forgotten. God the Father has his eye on each of you, and has determined by the work of the Spirit to keep you obedient through the sacrifice of Jesus. May everything good from God be yours!

## WE SING: WE WILL TAKE WHAT YOU OFFER

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves form the first line of the song, and the last two staves form the second line. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Dm, Dm7, Bdim, Bflat, F, G, A, and Dm.

We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word;  
we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you, Lord.

We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word;  
we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you, Lord.

We will take what you offer,  
We will live by your word;  
We will love one another  
And be fed by you, Lord.

Words: Iona Community

# ***'All the difference in the world'***

## **WE SING: SENT BY THE LORD AM I**

Sent by the Lord am I;  
my hands are ready now  
to make the earth a place  
in which the kingdom comes.  
Sent by the Lord am I;  
my hands are ready now  
to make the earth a place  
in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change  
a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love,  
of justice and of peace.  
The task is mine to do,  
to set it really free.  
O help me to obey;  
help me to do your will.

*(repeat)*

*Words: José Aguiar*

## **Offering for the work of this church**

### **Prayers for Others**

*In the midst of hunger and war*

**WE CELEBRATE THE PROMISE OF PLENTY AND PEACE**

*In the midst of oppression and tyranny*

**WE CELEBRATE THE PROMISE OF SERVICE AND FREEDOM**

*In the midst of doubt and despair*

**WE CELEBRATE THE PROMISE OF FAITH AND HOPE**

*In the midst of hatred and death*

**WE CELEBRATE THE PROMISE OF LOVE AND LIFE**

*In every day and every place*

**WE CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST!**

*Christ is risen!*

**HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! AMEN**

**WE SING: 260 CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING**

**Sending out & Blessing**

*Look at your hands - see the touch and the tenderness*

**GOD'S OWN FOR THE WORLD**

*Look at your feet - see the path and the direction*

**GOD'S OWN FOR THE WORLD**

*Look at your heart - see the fire and the love*

**GOD'S OWN FOR THE WORLD**

*Look at the cross - see God's sign and kingdom*

**GOD'S OWN FOR THE WORLD**

*This is God's world*

**WE WILL SERVE GOD IN IT**

*We go, strengthen by God's blessing*

*Creator, Son and Spirit. **Amen***

# Coming up...

## Pray 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*

***(See website/WhatsApp for changes)***



## United Prayer Time - Zoom

*for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church*

*'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820*

**Friday evenings at 7:30-8:00pm**

## 'Big Brekkie' for Christian Aid Week

*Find out more about the work of this charity over a delicious breakfast!*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 9:00-10:00am**



## Next Sunday Worship

*led by Eileen Poore, for Christian Aid*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 10:30am**

***For all future events and activities please see our website***



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