
Order of Service

Sunday 4th June 2023

Trinity Sunday & Environment Day

with Holy Communion



Welcome to St Paul's!

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

Lighting our Peace Candle

Call to Worship

God our Creator, we call You Father, Mother, Author of Life:

DRAW US CLOSER TO YOU, O GOD.

Christ our Saviour,

we call You the Son, the Messiah, the One who Liberates:

DRAW US CLOSER TO YOU, O GOD.

Holy Spirit, we call You the Advocate, the Inspirer,

Breath and Wind of God:

DRAW US CLOSER TO YOU, O GOD.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty;

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory:

DRAW US CLOSER TO YOU, O GOD.

DRAW US IN, SPIRIT, CHRIST AND CREATOR,

THAT WE MIGHT JOURNEY WITH YOU

MORE FULLY AND DEEPLY,

IN THIS LIFE AND BEYOND. AMEN.

WE SING: 38 THOU WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

Prayer of Praise, Confession and 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.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory Forever and ever. Amen

How do you picture God?

Reading: Genesis 1: 1-5 (Pg. 1)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

WE SING: FATHER, WE LOVE YOU
we worship and adore you:
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

**Jesus, we love you,
we worship and adore you:
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.**

**Spirit, we love you,
we worship and adore you:
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.**

Words: Donna Adkins

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**

Reading: Genesis 1: 26-27 (Pg.1)

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Readings: Isaiah 42: 10, 13-14 (Pg.584)

Isaiah 49: 13-15 (Pg.593)

42:10 Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise from the end of the earth!
Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the coastlands and their inhabitants.
13 The LORD goes forth like a soldier,
like a warrior he stirs up his fury;
he cries out, he shouts aloud,
he shows himself mighty against his foes.
14 For a long time I have held my peace,
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labour,
I will gasp and pant.

49:13 Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the LORD has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.
14 But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me,
my Lord has forgotten me.'
15 Can a woman forget her nursing-child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.

Reading: Matthew 23: 37-39 (Pg.805)

37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets
and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I
desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers
her brood under her wings, and you were not
willing! **38** See, your house is left to you, desolate. **39** For I tell
you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is the
one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

**WE SING: 751 COME, HOLY GHOST,
OUR SOULS INSPIRE**

(Verses 1,4 & doxology)

Mothering Creation

WE SING: 123 THINK OF A WORLD

Prayers for Others

Holy, holy, holy

IS THE GOD OF ALL CREATION!

Offering for the work of this church

& Communion Charity offering

for Friends of the Earth



Holy Communion

Introduction & The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you,

AND ALSO WITH YOU

WE SING: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

(sung twice)

Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me;
Fill me anew, fill me anew;
Spirit of the Lord,
Fall afresh on me.

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Invitation

We come to the table -

ALL OF US WELCOME.

We know God is with us -

AS WE BREAK BREAD TOGETHER.

We prepare to remember Jesus -

AND TO BE INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

We rejoice to be empowered by our feast -

**ALL OF US WITH HEARTS BURNING INSIDE
LIKE THE FLAME OF PENTECOST.**

The Story & Great Prayer

*...Therefore, with all your people in heaven and on earth,
we praise you, saying the hymn of your everlasting glory:*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.
BLESSED IS THE ONE
WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

Sharing & Thanksgiving Prayer

WE SING: 'GO TO THE WORLD!'

(Tune: 658 'Sine Nomine')

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross
 where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
*Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time space.
*Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to glorious day.
As servant Church, we follow Christ's own way.
*Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, 'Amen!'
*Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1991)

Sending forth & Blessing



ST PAUL'S SUMMER FETE

Saturday 24th June
2pm - 4:30pm

ST PAUL'S UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
CROHAM PARK AVE, CR2 7HF

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Bouncy castle •
- Face painting •
- Outdoor games •
- Cake • Ice cream •
- Refreshments •
- Children's craft activities •
- Plant stall • Tombola •
- Bric-a-brac stall •
- Soul Symphony Choir •
- and much more!

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Coming up...

Maintenance and Resources Team Meeting

Tuesday 6th June, 8pm

Elders' Meeting

Wednesday 7th June, 8pm

Synod Area Prayer - Zoom

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 896 3882 1888

Password: URC50

Every Thursday, 5pm

St Paul's Book Club

Jubilee Room at St Paul's - 'Endell Street' by Wendy Moore

Thursday 8th June, 7:30pm

United Prayer Time - Zoom

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820 / Password: 1111

If you would like us to pray for you or a person/situation close to you, please message/email Martin or Sue.

Every Friday, 7pm

Bible Breakfast

Jubilee Room – a relaxed time to share breakfast and explore God's word!

Sunday 11th June 2023, 9-10am

Next Sunday Worship

led by Rev'd Martin Knight

Sunday 11th June 2023, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website



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