



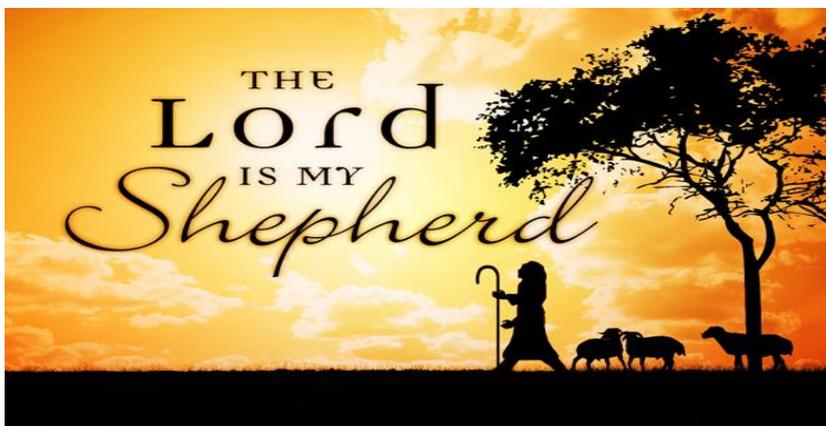
St Paul's
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Order of Service

Sunday 25th April 2021



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: **Joyce Brissett and Fran Boto**
The Organ is played by: **Robert Cooper**

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.
 - **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 exit, 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**. Folk at home will be part of our worship as they can see and hear us. If you would rather not be seen, you can move to the right-hand-side of the pews on your right.
 - 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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Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Hymn 679 (Psalm 23) Brothn James Air

1 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want:
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,
And he to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.
Repeat last two lines.

3 Yea, though I walk through
death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and they rod
and staff me comfort still.
Repeat

4 My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows
Repeat

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.
Repeat

Metrical version William Whittingham

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer

First Reading John 10 1-10

10 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Talk with Church Family - Life Abundant

Hymn 558 Will you come and follow me?

Will you come and follow me,
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let me life be grown
In you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

Words John Bell and Graham Maule

Children leave for their activities with a blessing.

Second Bible reading John 10 11-21

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the

Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes^[a] it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

¹⁹ Again the Jews were divided because of these words. ²⁰ Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why listen to him?” ²¹ Others were saying, “These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

Following the Shepherd's call

Hymn 349

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast’
I came to Jesus as I was,
Forlorn and faint and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your day be bright’.
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk,
Till travelling days are done.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live.’
I came to Jesus, and I drank,
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
And now I live in him.

Words H. Bonar

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 289

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life in atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;
and give him the glory- great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God!
And every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives;

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
The wonder, the beauty, when Jesus we see;

Words Fanny Crosby

Sending Forth and Blessing.

Information & Notices

We extend a very warm welcome to you!

United Prayer Time

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

Friday evenings at 7:30-8:00pm

Recurring 'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

Book Club discussion - The Secret life of Bees

Thursday 13th May 3pm

Meeting ID 895 1764 1003

Christian Aid Week ' Big Brekkie'

Saturday 15th May 9-10 am

Speaker, Quiz and Prizes!

Zoom Meeting ID 895 1764 1003

Spring Trail and Treasure Hunt for Families

Saturday 22nd May 2-4.30pm

Start Coombe Wood via Conduit Lane and finish at St Paul's URC.

Book places with Fran at franboto@aol.com or 07969 173457



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