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Order of Service

Sunday 3rd March 2024
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: **Mr Lee Michael Walton**

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 during worship 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.

What are the white cloths?

We traditionally put these on the pews when we share Holy Communion together. You are invited to sit 'behind' them so you can be served at 'God's table' (it also makes it easier for the servers to reach you).

Church Notices

Call to Worship

*You are welcome to our service of hope and strength.
Salaam. Peace be with you.*

AND ALSO WITH YOU

*We gather in the Name of the Trinity:
Parent, Son and Holy Spirit.*

AMEN

*Let us pray. Loving God, walk with us as we journey with you,
exploring your word, inspired by Jesus and guided by the Spirit.*

AMEN.

*Let us praise God
who brings us together to worship in love and unity.*

**UNIFYING GOD, REIGNING FAR ABOVE OUR EARTHLY
DIFFERENCES IN VIEWS AND THEOLOGY,**

*help us remember these essential qualities of faith:
humility, gentleness, patience and love.*

**WE CONFESS OUR WEAKNESS AND FAILURE
TO ACCEPT OTHERS WITHOUT JUDGING THEM.**

*We endeavour to be fearless and patient as we face challenges
in our families, society, community and church.*

**WITH GENTLENESS AND LOVE
WE CAN OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES.
WE REMAIN STRONG IN OUR FAITH,
KNOWING THAT WE BELONG TO GOD. AMEN.**

Lighting of Peace Candle

WE SING: 38 THOU WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory Forever and ever. Amen

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WE SING: 591 DO NOT BE AFRAID

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:

Exodus 20: 1-17 (Pg.58)

The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down

to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

John 2: 13-22

(Pg.863)

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!'

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

WE SING: 511 SPEAK IN THE STILLNESS, GOD WE PRAY

(Tune: 606 'Fulda')

**Speak in the stillness, God we pray,
come to our hearts and meet us here.
Bring us your peace for each new day
- the gift of grace to earth from heaven.**

**We speak as though we have not heard
and live as if we do not know
your love in Christ, the living Word
- the gift of grace to earth from heaven.**

**When, in the anxious rush of days,
we lose our hold on faith and you,
reclaim us with your calm embrace
- the gift of grace to earth from heaven.**

**So may we be renewed in love,
held and sustained by you alone.
Strengthened by you that we may prove
a gift of grace to earth from heaven.**

Do not be afraid

WE SING: LOVE INSPIRED THE ANGER

**Love inspired the anger
that cleared a temple court,
overturned the wisdom
which their greed had wrought.**

**Love inspired the anger
that set the leper free
from the legal strictures
that brought misery.**

**Love inspires the anger
that curses poverty,
preaches life's enrichment,
seeks equality.**

**Love inspires the anger
that still can set us free
from the world's conventions
bringing liberty.**

Words: Andrew Pratt

Prayers for Others

by Cathy Heath

Offering for the work of this church

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Introduction & The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you,
AND ALSO WITH YOU

WE SING: 435 CHRISTIAN PEOPLE, RAISE YOUR SONG

Invitation & The Story

The Great Prayer

The Lord be with you
AND ALSO WITH YOU

Lift up your hearts
WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

*...for all these gifts we thank you,
and we join with all your people
on earth and in heaven,
in joyful praise...*

**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!**

The Sharing & Prayer after the Feast

WE SING: 567 THY HAND, O GOD, HAS GUIDED

Sending Forth & Blessing

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace" – Numbers 6: 24-26*

*We go, in that peace,
to love and serve the Lord.*

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. AMEN



**ST PAUL'S
YOUTH COUNCIL**

Grab a Bargain at our



**INDOOR BOOT
SALE!**



Saturday 16th March

9:30am - 12:30pm

More than 30 stalls! Refreshments Entry 50p

St Paul's Church Hall, Croham Park Ave, CR27HF

Further details: 07956 520 959 www.stpaulsurc.org.uk

Coming up...

Funeral for Rosemary McLuskey

held at St Chad's Catholic Church, South Norwood, SE25 6XN

Monday 4th March, 1pm

Tuesday Guild

'Mercy Ships' with Kolawole Oshin

Tuesday 5th March, 10:15am

Elders' Meeting

Wednesday 6th March, 7:45pm

Morning House Group

with Martin, held at 372 Selsdon Road

Thursday 7th March, 10:30am

United Prayer Time - Zoom

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

Every Saturday, 8am

Synod Together – all invited!

'St Andrew's URC, Cheam, SM2 7BZ

Saturday 9th March, 10am-3pm

Next Sunday Worship

led by Revd. Martin Knight

Sunday 10th March 2024, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website

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