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# Order of Service

*Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024*  
*Baptism of McKenzie Black*  
*and Bettina Popoola*  
*with Holy Communion*



Welcome to St Paul's!

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

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

#### ***Lighting of Peace Candle***

*This is Easter Morning – so with voices full and joyful,  
We proclaim - Christ is risen!*

**HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

### **WE SING: 'AT THE DAWN NEW LIFE SURPRISES'**

*(Tune: 232 'Easter Hymn')*

**At the dawn new life surprises, Alleluia  
From the darkness light arises, Alleluia  
See the stone is rolled away, Alleluia  
On this resurrection day, Alleluia**

**Over death God's love prevails, Alleluia  
Over all of our travails, Alleluia  
By no cross is it restrained, Alleluia  
By no grave is it contained, Alleluia**

**Reap in joy what's sown with tears, Alleluia  
Courage springs from all our fears, Alleluia  
Stand in wonder at the sight, Alleluia  
Sunrise overtakes the night, Alleluia**

**Buried till its second birth, Alleluia  
Hope emerges from the earth, Alleluia  
In morning light our voices raise, Alleluia  
Singing out with joyful praise, Alleluia**

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Christ is risen!*

**HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

### ***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

**Reading: Mark 16: 1-8** (pg.828)

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**A story worth being part of!**

# Baptism of McKenzie Jeremiah Wellington Black and Bettina Omolola Popoola

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## Introduction

### Candles are Lit & Faith is Proclaimed

*The Lord is here.*

**GOD'S SPIRIT IS WITH US.**

*Jesus Christ came that we might have life*

**AND HAVE IT IN ALL ITS FULLNESS.**

*(candles are lit)*

*Jesus Christ, Light of the World*

**MAY WE BLAZE IN THE DARKNESS**

**WITH YOUR UNQUENCHABLE FIRE.**

### **The Parents affirm their faith**

### **Bettina affirms her faith**

### Prayer with water

*Let us pray*

*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.*

*In your goodness, you gave us water*

*To sustain our life and renew the earth.*

*May it be for McKenzie and Bettina, the water of new birth.*

**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER**

## **WE BAPTISE MCKENZIE**

### **Declaration & Blessing**

*McKenzie, you are surrounded by love.  
God receives you into the one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
church and that church gathered here, blesses you,  
with the Aaronic 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.**

### **Promises**

***By the Parents and Godparents***

***By the congregation***

*As a community of faith, representing the whole Church.  
Do you welcome McKenzie and promise to share with him  
What you yourselves have received,  
The gift of God's love in Christ?*

**WE DO, WITH GOD'S HELP**

## **WE BAPTISE BETTINA**

### **Declaration & Blessing**

*Bettina, you are surrounded by love.  
God receives you into the one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
church and that church gathered here, blesses you,  
with the Aaronic 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.**

### **Promises**

***By Bettina and her supporting Elder***

***By the congregation***

*As a community of faith, representing the whole Church.  
Do you welcome Bettina and promise to share with her  
What you yourselves have received,  
The gift of God's love in Christ?*

**WE DO, WITH GOD'S HELP**

### **Presentations**

*Enjoy God's story  
May it inspire you on your way  
As you shine as Christ's light to the world.  
**ALLELUIA! AMEN!***

**WE SING: 234 ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

**Reading: Acts 10: 34-43** (pg.894)

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to

him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## A story worth sharing!

### **WE SING: 'I WILL SING, I WILL SING'**

*(Tune: 279)*

**I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord,  
I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord,  
I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord,  
Alleluia, glory to the Lord:**

***Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord,  
Alleluia glory to the Lord!***



**We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.  
We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.  
We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.  
Alleluia, glory to the Lord:**

*Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord...*

**Gather round, gather round the table has been set  
Gather round, gather round the table has been set  
Gather round, gather round the table has been set  
Alleluia, glory to the Lord:**

*Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord...*

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### **Prayers for Others**

*by Martha Ford-Adams*

**Offering for the work of this church**  
*and Communion Charity Offering for  
Legacy Youth Zone*



*Christ is risen!*

**HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

## **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: 453 LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY**

### **Why do we share this meal?**

#### **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.**

...

*Therefore, with all the choirs of heaven, we sing:*

*(copy the leader)*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest*

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,**

**GLORY IN THE HIGHEST**

*To God be glory forever*

**TO GOD BE GLORY FOREVER**

*Alleluia! Amen!*

**ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

*Peruvian Gloria*

### **The Sharing & Prayer after the Feast**

## **WE SING: 247 THINE BE THE GLORY**

#### **Sending Forth & Blessing**

*Christ is risen!*

**HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**



***After the service you are invited  
to leave your handprint on our  
cross of hope!***

# Coming up...

## **NO Tuesday Guild**

*Easter Break*

## **Elders' Meeting**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 7:45pm**

## **Morning House Group**

*with Martin, held at 372 Selsdon Road*

**Thursday 4th April, 10:30am**

## **United Prayer Time - Zoom**

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

**Every Saturday, 8am**

## **Next Sunday Worship** – *Holy Communion*

*led by Revd. Martin Knight*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 10:30am**

## **Brief, extraordinary Church Meeting**

*after worship*

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

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