



St Paul's
**United
Reformed
Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 17th April 2022
with Holy Communion



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: **Rev'd Martin Knight**
The Organ is played by: **Mr Edward Rook**

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

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.**

Important notes:

- St Paul's URC has a **full Covid-19 Risk Assessment**, which is helping to keep everyone safe, so please follow the advice you are given in church.
- We encourage people to **maintain social distancing** where possible and to **wash and sanitise their hands regularly**.
- **Mask wearing** is now a matter of personal choice.
- The hymns and responses are in this **Order sheet and on the TV, but feel free to pick up a Hymn book or bible should you wish.**
- **Offertory** – we circulate the collection bag for contributions to the church's work but standing orders and bank transfers are preferred (*please ask an elder or welcomer for details*) and we have a credit card reader if that is easier.

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.

Call to Worship

Lighting our Peace Candle

Christ is risen!

HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

WE SING: 260 CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lords' Prayer

Christ is risen!

HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

'Easter Creche'

Reading: John 20: 1-10

(pg.882)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other

disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

WE SING: 264 HE IS LORD, HE IS LORD

Reading: John 20: 11-18

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¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher).

¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

'Can't see for crying'

WE SING: 234 ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

‘Being open to the miraculous’

Prayers of Intercession

**WE SING: 238 GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL,
REJOICE AND SING!**

Offering for the work of this church

& Communion Charity offering for

Link to Hope, Ukraine Easter Appeal



Easter Communion

Welcome to the meal

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you,

AND ALSO WITH YOU

Let us share a signed peace...

WE SING: 453 LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY

Why do we share this meal?

Prayer

...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!

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Alleluia! Amen!

ALLELUIA! AMEN!

Peruvian Gloria

Sharing & Thanks

WE SING: THINE BE THE GLORY

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou, o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**

Thine be the glory

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;

Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors
 through thy deathless love,
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
 *Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Sending Forth and Blessing

Christ is risen!

HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! Amen.

Doxology: 21 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
(Sung as the Bread and Wine are taken out)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

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)



Tuesday morning 'Guild'

'AGM'

Tuesday 19th April - 10.15 for 10.30 start. All welcome!

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

Next Sunday Worship

led by Carol Clack – Scouts Parade

Sunday 24th April 2022, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website



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