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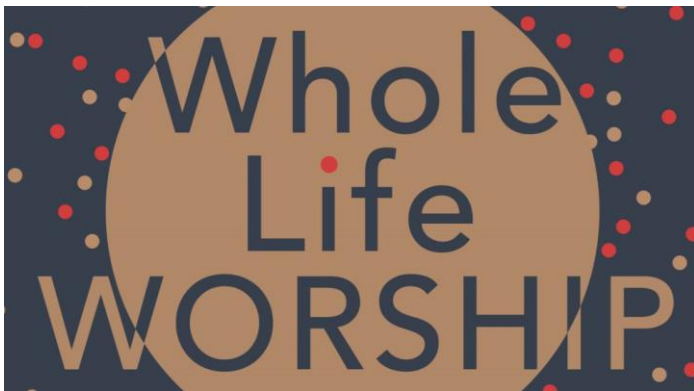
Order of Service

Sunday 5th February 2023

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
with Holy Communion

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The London Institute for
Contemporary Christianity



Welcome to St Paul's!

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.**

Please use 'T' on your hearing aid if you need to use the Hearing Loop.

Church Notices

Call to Worship

Lighting our Peace Candle

As we bring all that we are to worship, we say together:

**IF YOU'RE SPLASHING IN STREAMS OF ABUNDANCE,
WE WELCOME YOU AND SHARE YOUR JOY.**

**IF YOU'RE PARCHED IN A DESERT WASTELAND,
WE WELCOME YOU AND SHARE YOUR DOUBTS.**

**IF YOU'RE RELAXING IN THE LIGHT OF CONTENTMENT,
WE WELCOME YOU AND SHARE YOUR PEACE.**

**IF YOU'RE STUMBLING ON A ROAD OF SUFFERING,
WE WELCOME YOU AND SHARE YOUR PAIN.**

**GOD OF OUR WHOLE LIVES
WE WELCOME YOU, AS YOU WELCOME US. AMEN**

‘WHOLE LIFE WORSHIP’

Reading: Leviticus 22: 17-23 (pg. 96)

¹⁷ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ¹⁸Speak to Aaron and his sons and all the people of Israel and say to them: When anyone of the house of Israel or of the aliens residing in Israel presents an offering, whether in payment of a vow or as a freewill-offering that is offered to the LORD as a burnt-offering, ¹⁹to be acceptable in your behalf it shall be a male without blemish, of the cattle or the sheep or the goats. ²⁰You shall not offer anything that has a blemish, for it will not be acceptable in your behalf.

²¹ When anyone offers a sacrifice of well-being to the LORD, in fulfilment of a vow or as a freewill-offering, from the herd or from the flock, to be acceptable it must be perfect; there shall be no blemish in it. ²²Anything blind, or injured, or maimed, or having a discharge or an itch or scabs—these you shall not offer to the LORD or put any of them on the altar as offerings by fire to the LORD. ²³An ox or a lamb that has a limb too long or too short you may present for a freewill-offering; but it will not be accepted for a vow.

Prayer of Praise

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!

Peruvian Gloria

Response

Let the people say...

PRAISE THE LORD!

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

WE SING: LISTEN TO THE WORD

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Lis-ten to the word that God has spo - ken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that be-gan cre - a-tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.'

Canadian, transcribed by John L. Bell

Reading: Romans 12: 1-8 (pg. 922)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

WE SING: 469 AS WE ARE GATHERED

‘GATHERED & SCATTERED’

WE SING: 371 TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

Prayers for Others - 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**

Response after each image

***Let your kingdom come,
LET YOUR WILL BE DONE***

Final response

***For thine is the kingdom,
THE POWER AND THE GLORY, FOREVER AND EVER.
LET YOUR KINGDOM COME,
LET YOUR WILL BE DONE. AMEN***

**Offering for the work of this church
& Communion Charity Collection
for Croydon MS Society**



HOLY COMMUNION

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

Introduction and the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you,

AND ALSO WITH YOU

(As you feel able, share a sign of peace with one another...)

Invitation and The Story

The Great 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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Peruvian Gloria

Sharing and a prayer after the feast

WE SING: 'WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE'

(Tune: 98 'Austria')

**We are called to be God's people
showing by our lives his grace,
one in heart and one in spirit,
sign of hope for every race.
Let us show how he has changed us,
and remade us as his own;
let us share our life together
as we shall around his throne.**

**We are called to be God's servants,
working in his world today;
taking his own task upon us,
all his sacred ways obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons,
dedicate to him our all,
that we may be faithful servants,
quick to answer now his call.**

**We are called to be God's prophets,
speaking for the truth and right;
standing firm for godly justice,
bringing evil into light.
Let us seek the courage needed,
our high calling to fulfil,
that the world may know the blessing
in the doing of God's will.**

Words: Thomas A Jackson

Sending Forth & Blessing

"You are the salt of the earth."

**SPRINKLE US ACROSS CROYDON, GOD,
ACROSS OUR WORLD,
TO BRING THE FLAVOUR OF YOUR KINGDOM
WHEREVER WE GO.**

"You are the light of the world."

**UNCOVER THE RADIANCE THAT IS WITHIN US, GOD
TO SHINE THE TRUTH OF YOUR LOVE
WHEREVER WE GO.**

"Let your light shine before others"

**THAT EVERYONE WE MEET
MAY SEE OUR LIVES OF WORSHIP
AND GLORIFY YOU,
OUR GOD
CREATOR, SON AND SPIRIT. AMEN**

Coming up...

Tuesday Guild

Flora & Nature in Croham Hurst, with Matthew Frith
Small Hall

Tuesday 7th February 10:15am

Prayers for Peace

The Sanctuary

Each Tuesday, 12-1pm

St Paul's Book Club

'Drive your plow over bones of the dead' by Olga Tokarczuk
Jubilee Room

Thursday 9th February, 7:30-9pm

United Prayer Time - Zoom

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church
'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

Each Friday, **NEW TIME of 7pm**

Next Sunday Worship,

led by Rev'd Martin Knight

Sunday 12th February 2023, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website



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