
Order of Service

Sunday 28th January 2024



For everything there is a season...

Welcome to St Paul's!

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

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.

Church Notices

Lighting of Peace Candle

Call to Worship

*O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.*

GREAT IS YOUR NAME. GREAT IS YOUR LOVE.

*For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*

GREAT IS YOUR NAME. GREAT IS YOUR LOVE.

*For you the powerful of the earth shall bow,
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.*

GREAT IS YOUR NAME. GREAT IS YOUR LOVE.

*Your love and mercy shall last for ever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.*

GREAT IS YOUR NAME. GREAT IS YOUR LOVE.

*We gather to worship
to praise the God who is our rock and our hope*
GREAT IS YOUR NAME. GREAT IS YOUR LOVE. Amen

WE SING: 74 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

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

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 (Pg.537)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

A time for everything...

WE SING: 523 GIVE ME JOY IN MY HEART

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**

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 9-15

(Pg.538)

⁹What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. ¹⁴I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. ¹⁵That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

WE SING: LISTEN TO THE WORD

Musical score for the song 'Listen to the Word'. The score is written in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). 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.'

Iona Community

Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-8

(Pg.979)

Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

...and everything in-between

WE SING: 499 HAVE FAITH IN GOD, MY HEART

Prayers for Others

Offering for the work of this church

WE SING: 'CALLED BY CHRIST TO BE DISCIPLES'

(Tune: 663i 'Hyfrydol')

**Called by Christ to be disciples
every day in every place,
we are not to hide as hermits
but to spread the way of grace;
citizens of heaven's kingdom,
though this world is where we live,
as we serve a faithful Master,
faithful service may we give.**

**Richly varied are our pathways,
many callings we pursue:
may we use our gifts and talents
always, Lord, to honour you;
so, in government or commerce,
churches, caring, farm or home,
whether volunteers or earning,
may we see your kingdom come.**

**Hard decisions may confront us,
urging us to compromise;
still obedience is our watchword –
make us strong and make us wise!
Secular is turned to sacred,
made a precious offering,
as our daily lives are fashioned
in submission to our King.**

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Sending Forth & Blessing

**Immediately after the service,
you are invited to gather in the Community Garden, as
we scatter the ashes of our dear friend Sidney Rutter.**

**There will be refreshments
and time together, in the halls, after the service,
ahead of our Church Meeting.**

Coming up...

Tuesday Guild

'Australian Surprises'

Tuesday 30th January 10:15am

United Prayer Time - Zoom

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

Every Saturday, 8am



'Whole Life Discipleship' – final session

Saturday 3rd February 2024, 10am start

Next Sunday Worship, *with Holy Communion*

led by Rev'd Martin Knight

Sunday 4th February 2024, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website

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