



St Paul's
**United
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Order of Service

Sunday 13th June 2021



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: **Revd Martin Knight**
The Organ is played by: **Mr John Hankin**

Important notes:

- It is a joy to welcome you to this service!
St Paul's URC has a **full Covid-19 Risk Assessment**, which is helping to keep everyone safe, so please follow the notices and advice you are given in church.
 - As you can see, we are using printed **Order sheets rather than Hymn books and bibles**. These Orders have been quarantined for 72hrs before the service. All hymns will also appear on the TV screen.
 - **Offertory** – to reduce contact with physical notes and coins at this time, Standing Orders and bank transfers are preferred, but there is also a labelled collection box at the side, where you can place your offertory.
 - Until government guidance changes, there will be **no congregational singing** during our services, but we will find other creative ways of using music!
 - Our service will be **broadcast via zoom** for folk at home.
 - 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.
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Church Notices

Call to Worship

MUSIC for reflection: 'O Lord my God'

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul...

Words: Stuart K. Hine

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Sunflower Competition!

MUSIC for reflection: 'Come, you thankful people, come,

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
Fruit and crops are gathered in
safe before the storms begin:
God our maker will provide
for our needs to be supplied;
come, with all his people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,
harvests for his praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown
here for joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear –
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure shall be.

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Junior Church blessing

***The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, Evermore. Amen***

Reading: Mark 4: 30-34

(pg. 815)

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

The Use of Parables

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Feeling *Small*

Prayers of Intercession

Music as we pray: 'All we ask'

by Donnie McClurkin, sung by 'Shofar'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUpuU8vwHvw>

*Hear our earnest prayer, O Lord
Hear our humble cry
Precious, loving, caring Lord
On whom we rely
Ever loving, ever Living God
Of whom no one can compare
All we ask is that You hear our prayers*

*Give us strength, most Holy Lord
Strength to meet this day
Lead us by Your Holy Word
Guide us in Your way
For life is filled with winding turns
We have often lost our way
All we ask is that You lead today*

*Give us love that's true, O Lord
Trusting as a child
Love for all we see, O Lord
Pure and undefiled
But to heal the heart and not turn away
Anyone who is in need
All we ask is teach us love indeed.*

*Take me home with You, my Lord
When my life is through
Take me home with peace, my Lord
Let me rest with You
When I've fought the fight
And I've kept the faith
And my race on earth is won
All I ask is that You say well done
Lord please let me hear You say
"well done".*

Prayer written by Siân Jones

MUSIC for reflection: 'The kingdom of God is justice and joy'

Tune: 293 'Laudate Dominum' (Parry)

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the prisoners are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Words: Bryn A. Rees

Sending forth & Blessing



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