



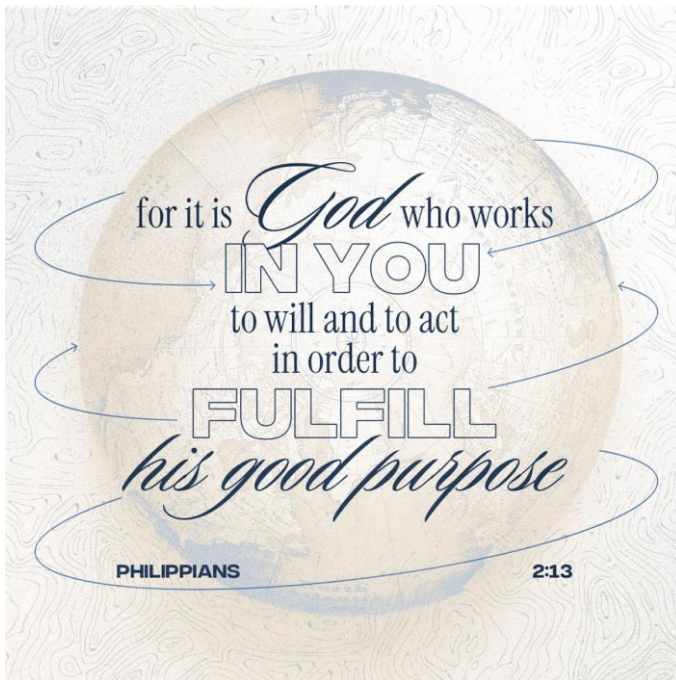
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# Order of Service

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023*  
*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 Lee Michael Walton**

## **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 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.*

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## **Church Notices**

### **Call to Worship**

*We gather in your presence, God,*

**IN OUR NEED,**

**AND BRINGING WITH US THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD.**

*We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,*

**AND YOU KNOW BY EXPERIENCE**

**WHAT HUMAN LIFE IS LIKE.**

*We come with our faith and with our doubts;*

**WE COME WITH OUR HOPES AND WITH OUR FEARS.**

*We come as we are, because you have invited us;*

**AND YOU HAVE PROMISED NEVER TO TURN US AWAY.**

**WE SING: 339 GREAT GOD, YOUR LOVE  
HAS CALLED US HERE**

## **Prayer of Praise, Confession and Assurance**

### ***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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
The power and the glory Forever and ever. Amen

## How do we feel?

### ***Lighting our Peace Candles***

**WE SING: 393 KINDLE A FLAME**

### **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**

**Readings: Psalm 130** (Pg.500)

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

## **Philippians 2: 1-13**

*(Pg.954)*

<sup>2</sup> If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was<sup>in</sup> in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me,  
not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence,  
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is  
God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work  
for his good pleasure.

**WE SING: 343 WHEN, O GOD, OUR FAITH IS TESTED**  
(Tune: 520 'All Saints')

## 'To Will and Act'

**WE SING: 88 OUT OF OUR FAILURE TO CREATE**  
(Tune: 223 'Horsley')

### Prayers for Others

*God in your mercy* **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

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*God in your mercy* **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

*Christ in your mercy* **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

*Spirit in your mercy* **STRENGTHEN US TO SERVE  
IN JESUS NAME  
AMEN**

## **Offering for the work of this church**

*& Communion Charity offering  
for 'Lives not Knives'*

*A youth-led charity that seeks to engage,  
educate and empower disadvantaged  
young people.*



## Holy Communion

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

### **Introduction, Invitation & The Peace**

*The peace of the Lord be with you,*  
**AND ALSO WITH YOU**

**WE SING: 511 O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO**

### **The Story & Great Prayer**

*...Let us pray.*

*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 your people in heaven and on earth,  
we praise you, saying the hymn of your everlasting glory:*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD  
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT  
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.  
BLESSED IS THE ONE  
WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

**Sharing & Thanksgiving Prayer**

**WE SING: 579 LORD, THY CHURCH ON EARTH  
IS SEEKING**

**Sending forth**

*God to enfold us, GOD TO SURROUND US.  
God in our sleeping, GOD IN OUR WAKING.  
God in our watching, GOD IN OUR HOPING.  
God on our lips, GOD IN OUR LIVES*

**Blessing**

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**All are welcome to join us for refreshments  
and time together, in the halls, after the service!**

# Coming up...

## Tuesday Guild

*Age UK Personal Independence Service, with Sylvarani Nair*

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 10:30am**

## Maintenance & Resources Team

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 8pm**

## Elders' Meeting

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 7:45pm**

## United Prayer Time - Zoom

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

*If you would like us to pray for you or a person/situation close to you, please message/email Martin or Sue.*

**Every Saturday, 9am**

## Indoor Boot Sale

*Vintage, preloved, craft and boot sale*

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 9:30–12:30**



## Next Sunday Worship

*led by Bea Pollard*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 10:30am**

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



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