
Order of Service

*Sunday 4th February 2024
with Holy Communion*



The Responsibility Is Ours

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

Call to Worship

Lighting of Peace Candle

WE SING: 72 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Confession & 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.
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

What does it cost?

WE SING: 555 WE ARE MARCHING

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oh,
we are marching in the light of God,
we are marching, oh,
we are marching in the light of God.**

We are sharing in the hope of God...

We are living in the love of God...

Words: tr. Anders Nyberg

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: John 2: 1-11

(Pg.863)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the

Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

WE SING: WE WILL TAKE WHAT YOU OFFER

The musical score is written in 2/4 time and consists of four staves. The lyrics are: "We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word; we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you, Lord. We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word; we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you, Lord." The chord symbols are: Dm, Dm7, Bdim, Bflat, F, G, A, Dm, Bdim, Bflat, F6, G, A, Dm.

Words: Iona Community

The Gift of Giving

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

Prayers for Others

by Linda Dean

Offering for the work of this church

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Introduction & The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you,

AND ALSO WITH YOU

**WE SING: 453 LET US TALENTS
AND TONGUES EMPLOY**

Invitation & The Story

The Great Prayer

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.

*...for all these gifts we thank you,
and we join with all your people
on earth and in heaven,
in joyful praise...*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

**BLESSÈD IS THE ONE
WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

The Sharing & Prayer after the Feast

WE SING: 576 GOD'S SPIRIT IS DEEP IN MY HEART
(omit vs's. 3-4)

Sending Forth & Blessing

*...we go, in peace
to love and serve the Lord.*

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. AMEN

Coming up...

Tuesday Guild

'Beatrix Potter' with Sheila Plant

Tuesday 6th February, 10:15am

Book Club

'Trustee from the Toolroom' by Nevile Shute

at Croydon Bowling and Sports Club, 10 Nottingham Rd.

Thursday 8th February 2024, 7:30-9pm

Elders' Meeting

Wednesday 7th February, 7:45pm

United Prayer Time - Zoom

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

Every Saturday, 8am

Next Sunday Worship

led by Fran Boto

Sunday 11th February 2024, 10:30am

Martin is away at URC Assembly Executive from Friday to Sunday this week but is still receiving emails and messages.

For all future events and activities please see our website

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