



St Paul's
**United
Reformed
Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 10th April 2022



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: **Rev'd Martin Knight**
The Organ is played by: **Mrs Pam Vaughn**

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.**

Important notes:

- St Paul's URC has a **full Covid-19 Risk Assessment**, which is helping to keep everyone safe, so please follow the advice you are given in church.
- We encourage people to **maintain social distancing** where possible and to **wash and sanitise their hands regularly**.
- **Mask wearing** is now a matter of personal choice.
- The hymns and responses are in this **Order sheet and on the TV, but feel free to pick up a Hymn book or bible should you wish.**
- **Offertory** – we circulate the collection bag for contributions to the church's work but standing orders and bank transfers are preferred (*please ask an elder or welcomer for details*) and we have a credit card reader if that is easier.

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.

Call to Worship

Lighting our Peace Candle

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Humble and riding on a donkey,*

WE GREET YOU!

Applauded by crowds with running children

WE WORSHIP YOU!

*Moving from the peace of the countryside
To the corridors of power,*

WE SALUTE YOU, CHRIST OUR LORD!

We come to your house with a new song

WITH HEART AND VOICE,

WE SHOUT 'HOSANNA!'.

WE SING: 712 ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Affirmation

Lords' Prayer

Leader: Among the poor, among the proud,

Left: Among the persecuted

Right: Among the privileged

ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

*Leader: In the private house,
in the public place,*

Left: in our churches

Right: in the city streets

ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

Leader: With a gentle touch,
with an angry word,
Left: Riding on a donkey,
Right: Wearing no crown,
ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

Leader: That the Kingdom might come,
That the world might believe,
Left: that the powerful might stumble,
Right: that the hidden might be seen,
ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

Leader: To offer us freedom,
to call us to repent,
Left: In all our sins and sorrows
Right: In all that we lament
ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

Leader: Within us, without us,
behind us, before us,
Left: in this place, in every place,
Right: for this time, for all time,
ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! AMEN

'People in the story'

Reading: Luke 19: 28-39 (pg.854)

WE SING: 141 MAKE WAY, MAKE WAY

As Junior Church leave, we bless them and each other with the words of 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: Philippians 2: 5-11

(pg.954)

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

WE SING: 209 RIDE ON! RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

‘To follow him’

WE SING: 522 FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME

Prayers of Intercession

*...Jesus invites us to a way of celebration,
Meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.*

LET US WALK HIS WAY WITH JOY.

*Jesus beckons us to a way of risk,
Letting go of our security.*

LET US WALK HIS WAY WITH JOY.

*Jesus points us to a way of self-giving,
Where power and status are overturned.*

LET US WALK HIS WAY WITH JOY.

*Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross,
Where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.*

LET US WALK HIS WAY WITH JOY. AMEN

Offering for the work of this church

WE SING: LIFT HIGH THE CROSS!

***Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!***

**To many ears the gospel sounds insane,
so, we lift our voices: wisdom to proclaim.** *(1 Cor. 1:18)*

Lift high the cross...

**Born on the run and living with the lost,
he calls us to follow and to face the cost.** *(Luke. 14:28)*

Lift high the cross...

**In halls of power and where injustice reigns,
Christ shouts out in anger. Let us do the same!** *(Matthew. 21: 12)*
Lift high the cross...

**Led to the cross, he shared our human strife;
then risen in glory, calls us back to life.** *(1 Peter. 2:24)*
Lift high the cross...

**Light of the world: Christ blazes in the dark.
As Church we arise, to be his holy spark.** *(John. 8: 12)*
Lift high the cross...

*Words – Refrain: George W. Kitchin, Verses: Martin E. Knight (2016)
Music: Sydney H. Nicholson*

Sending Forth and Blessing

Pray for Peace

***St Paul's is open for private prayer every Tuesday and Thursday
during the current situation in Ukraine.***

Tuesdays 12-1pm

Thursdays 5-6pm

(See website/WhatsApp for changes)



Coming up...

Lent Course – Whole Life Worship

See notices in the corridor or our website, or catch Fran or Sue
Wednesday 13th April, 7.45-9pm in the small hall.

Maundy Thursday United Worship - Zoom

Purley and St Paul's URCs and South Croydon United Church

Meeting ID: 886 3294 6093

Passcode: 659152

Thursday 14th April 2022, 7:30pm

Good Friday

A short service of reflection

Friday 15th April 2022, 9am

United Prayer Time - Zoom

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

Friday evenings at 7:30-8:00pm

Easter Celebration Service, with Holy Communion

led by Rev'd Martin Knight

Sunday 17th April 2022, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website



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