



*St Paul's*  
**United  
Reformed  
Church**

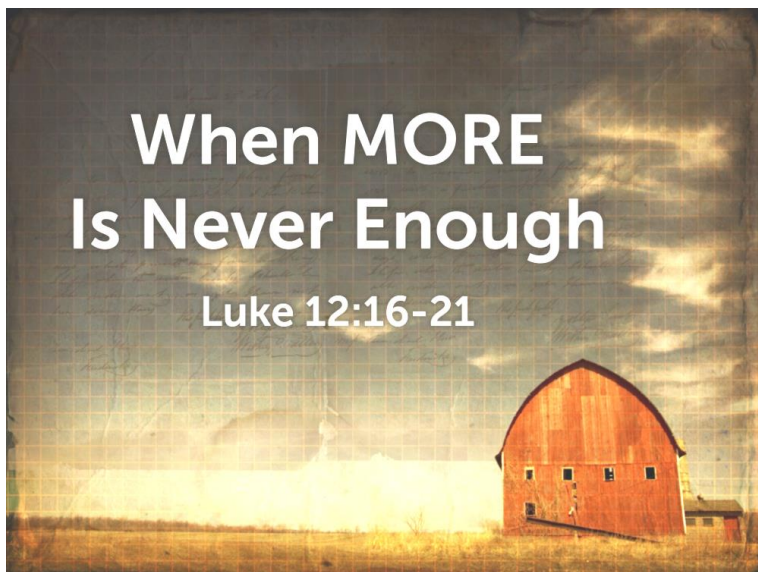
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# Order of Service

*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022*



*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 Edward Rook**

## **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](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.**

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## **Church Notices**

### **Call to Worship**

#### ***Lighting our Peace Candle***

## **WE SING: 60 GOD WHO SPOKE IN THE BEGINNING**

*(Tune: 'Rhuddlan', no.344)*

### **Prayer of Praise**

#### ***The Lord's Prayer***

# **Stuff!**

***Dramatic Reading:***

**Luke 12: 13-21**

*(pg. 847)*

**WE SING: ONE HUMAN FAMILY GOD HAS MADE**

**One human family god has made  
and all for each to care.**

**One world, to be the home of all,  
with all its wealth to share.**

**One Christ, to manifest on earth  
love's ultimate desi-i-ign.**

**One Church to know the mystery  
of broken bread and wine.**

**One race, one world – yet torn apart,  
we spurn the way of love.**

**But still ahead, the Christ leads on  
and calls his Church to move**

**from love of power to power of love,  
to give the word to a-a-all –**

**to trust the love that conquered death,  
outside a city wall.**

**And are we brave enough to join  
with that great company –**

**to bear the scars that stamp us his –  
the hallmark of belief.**

**As partners of the living Christ,  
who risk the way he tro-o-od,**

**with wondering love we find we share  
the timeless joy of God.**

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THE SEVEN JOYS OF MARY

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The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'The Seven Joys of Mary'. It is written in G major and 8/8 time. The score is organized into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system begins with a circled 'x' in the treble clef. The second system contains a 'y' in the bass clef. The third system has a 'y' in the bass clef. The fourth system has a 'y' in the bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: G, Em, Am7, D, G, Em, Am7, D, G, Am7, D7, Em, Bm7, C, D7, G, Em, Am7, D7, G. The melody is primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties. The bass line consists of simple chords and moving lines.

*As our youngest folk 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**

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in  
Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by  
wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy  
business that God has given to human beings to be busy  
with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and  
see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>24</sup> There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink,  
and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the  
hand of God; <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can  
have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God  
gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner he  
gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to  
one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing  
after wind.

## **WE SING: WE WILL TAKE WHAT YOU OFFER**

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "We will take what you offer, we will live by your word; we will love one another and be fed by you, Lord. We will take what you offer, we will live by your word; we will love one another and be fed by you, Lord." The chords indicated above the notes are: Dm, Dm7, Bdim, Bflat, F, G, A, Dm, Dm7, Bdim, Bflat, F6, G, A, Dm.

Words: Iona Community

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble
- <sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- <sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to an inhabited town;
- <sup>5</sup> hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.
- <sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress;
- <sup>7</sup> he led them by a straight way,  
until they reached an inhabited town.
- <sup>8</sup> Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.
- <sup>9</sup> For he satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.
- <sup>43</sup> Let those who are wise give heed to these things,  
and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

## *Making God-like choices*

## **WE SING: INSPIRED BY LOVE AND ANGER**

*(Tune: 590 'Penlan')*

**Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,  
informed of God's own bias we ask him once again:**

**"How long must some folk suffer?**

**How long can few folk mind?**

**How long dare vain self-interest  
turn prayer and pity blind?"**

**From those forever victims of heartless human greed,  
their cruel plight composes a litany of need:**

**"Where are the fruits of justice?**

**Where are the signs of peace?**

**When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their  
release?"**

**From those forever shackled to what their wealth can buy,  
the fear of lost advantage provokes the bitter cry,**

**"Don't query our position!**

**Don't criticise our wealth!**

**Don't mention those exploited by politics and stealth!"**

**To God, who through the prophets  
proclaimed a different age,**

**we offer earth's indifference, its agony and rage:**

**"When will the wronged be righted?**

**When will the kingdom come?**

**When will the world be generous to all instead of some?"**

**God asks, "Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?  
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?  
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?  
And who, when few dare follow,  
will walk the road I show?"**

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## **Prayers for Others**

*Using 'Heaven shall not wait' from the Iona Community*

*Heaven shall not wait  
for the poor to lose their patience,  
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:*

**Jesus is Lord;**

**he has championed the unwanted;  
in him injustice confronts its timely end.**

*Heaven shall not wait  
for the rich to share their fortunes,  
the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least:*

**Jesus is Lord;**

**he has shown the master's privilege -  
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.**

*Heaven shall not wait  
for the dawn of great ideas,  
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:*

**Jesus is Lord;**

**he has married word and action;  
his cross and company make his purpose plain.**



*Heaven shall not wait  
for our legalised obedience,  
defined by statute, to strict conventions bound:*

**Jesus is Lord:**

**he has hallmarked true allegiance -  
goodness appears where his grace is sought and found.**

*Heaven shall not wait  
for triumphant Hallelujahs,  
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:*

**Jesus is Lord**

**in our present imperfection;  
his power and love are for now and then for evermore.  
AMEN**

**Offering for the work of this church**

**WE SING: 603 LORD, FOR THE YEARS**

**Sending out & Blessing**



## Coming up...

### Prayers 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)***



### Guild Coffee Morning

*at the home of Jean Gundlach*

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022, 10:30am-12noon**

### Elders' Meeting

*Youth Room*

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022, 8pm**

### St Paul's Book Club

*at St Paul's – discussing 'Conclave' by Robert Harris*

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 7:30pm**

### United Prayer Time - Zoom

*for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church*

*'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820*

**Friday evenings at the new time of 6pm**

### Next Sunday Worship, with Holy Communion

*led by Rev'd Martin Knight*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 10:30am**

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



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