

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021



One of a series of joint services  
for the Church of Scotland  
congregations in the town,  
on the theme of



This act of worship has been prepared to allow us all to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it. This morning we focus on the habit of *worship*. We thank all involved in creating and distributing this service, and praise God for his unchanging character and unfailing love.

This order of service is for you to use as you are able: some of you may wish simply to read it, whether silently or aloud. Others may wish to listen, and even join in with the singing: just click on the links. If you want to join in the whole service, you'll find it here <https://youtu.be/69VjuUhdRx8> And if you would like to listen to just the sermon and a prayer, dial 01968 700121 : there will be about 20 seconds' silence, after which the recording should start. NB The phone recording of the sermon is an abridged version – the full sermon is available on YouTube.

## WELCOME and INTRODUCTION TO THEME

(Rev Peter Wood, PSK&H)

Welcome to our Kirk in Penicuik service.

This is when as Church of Scotland congregations we join together for worship. On these Sundays we're currently following a framework called *Holy Habits*. This emphasises 10 specific Christian practices that can help nurture our Christian Discipleship.

Over the past few months, we've looked at worship together, praying, serving, and signs & wonders.

We hope that you've found this stimulating and helpful in your daily Christian walk. By looking at these together as churches we can hold the big picture of Christian life and worship.

### This month our theme is *Breaking Bread*.

Jesus gave us few specific commands for Christian worship, but this was one of them:  
*Take bread and wine as I do,  
bless it (that's give thanks to God for it),  
break it and share it.*

### I wonder what you call this special meal?

Eucharist, Mass, Communion, Holy Communion, The Lord's Supper...

We'll be thinking about this as we reflect together on what it means for Jesus to be expressed in the breaking of bread and the pouring out of wine:

***'Taste and see that the Lord is good.'***

**OPENING WORDS from Isaiah 55**

**(Chris and Jim Black PNK)**

Come to me everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

We come to God

-hungry for refreshment

-thirsting for something that will rehydrate the dry places of our lives.

God beckons to us and reminds us that we have a place at this table.

Generous God, as we gather,

fire our imaginations, nourish our souls,

and help us to share all that we have and are with one another . **Amen.**

**SONG: Gather us in**

Watch this on video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8j-TOnG0UbM>

Here in this place new light is streaming.

Now is the darkness vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreamings,

Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken.

Gather us in, the blind and the lame.

Call to us now and we shall awaken.

We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.

We are the old who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of history.

Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty.

Gather us in, the proud and the strong.

Give us a heart so meek and so lowly.

Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water.  
Here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters.  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion.  
Give us to eat the bread that is you.  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion.  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven light years away,  
But here in this place, the new light is shining:  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever.  
Gather us in and make us your own.  
Gather us in, all peoples together.  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

*Marty Haugen © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.*

## **QUIZ: Bread**

### **READINGS**

**Reader: Heather Nicholas (StM)**

#### **John 6.25-40 (NIV)**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”  
“Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of

him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

### **1 Corinthians 11.23-26 (NIV)**

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **SONG: Taste and see**

Watch a version on video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lCo9GhLLGk>

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Come to him, come to him all who are hungry;

Come to him, come to him all who thirst:

(He says) "I am your God and you are my people".

I am the Living Bread, I am the New Wine

Blessed, broken, poured-out, shared for all.

Blessed, broken, poured-out, shared.

*Words & Music by Jo Boyce, Mike Stanley & Aidan Pepper*

*© 2009 CJM MUSIC CCLI No. 4326043 ALL RIGHTS RESERVED*

### **RELECTIONS: Five emphases of Holy Communion**

**Including video interviews: "What makes for a good meal?"**

### **SONG: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful**

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hbH6kznJeA>

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,

In the Lord I will rejoice.

Look to God, do not be afraid,

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

*Jacques Berthier © Ateliers et Presses de Taize, 71250 Taize Community France*

### **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

**(Margaret Carr PSK&H)**

(Please join with the response)

Loving Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the joy of coming together as a fellowship and for the opportunity to offer prayers for others to you.

Today, as we focus on the breaking of bread, we give you thanks for your supreme and wonderful gift of Jesus. As we break bread at the communion table we remember in gratitude your wonderful gift freely given to take away our sins. Father, we ask that you would inspire and motivate us to be Christ-like in our generosity towards others. We pray for all those suffering hunger throughout the world, caused by war and climate change. We think particularly of the people of Ethiopia who are in state of famine caused by violence and war, where crops have been burned and farmers have been unable to plough fields and plant seeds. Loving Father, we pray that the violence will end and that humanitarian agencies will be able to work in the country to bring aid.

**Response: *Generous God,***

***You hold nothing back. Help us to share all that you give us with others.***

Father, we are aware that in our own country people go hungry and we pray particularly at this time of year in the school holidays that food will be made available to vulnerable children and their parents. We thank you for the work of local churches and foodbanks supporting those in need and for all the volunteers who help sustain these services. Thank you for the support given through Food, Facts, Friends: we pray that through the sharing of food and resources your generosity and love would be made known.

**Response: *Generous God,***

***You hold nothing back. Help us to share all that you give us with others.***

Loving Father, as we move out of lockdown and restrictions, as a result of the number of people who have been vaccinated, we pray for all those awaiting vaccination. We pray that the vaccines will be shared fairly with people throughout the world and that world leaders would be motivated to think of others in poorer countries. We give thanks for all the work undertaken by Sanctus to develop vaccines, and for all the staff who have worked so tirelessly within the NHS to care for those affected by COVID. We pray for all those affected by long COVID who are struggling to regain good health. We pray too for those who are feeling stressed and fearful as we move towards greater freedoms. Help us to be supportive and to be willing to give our time to those who are in this situation.

**Response: *Generous God,***

***You hold nothing back. Help us to share all that you give us with others.***

Generous God, thank you for the gifts that you have freely given us - for the beauty of the oceans and the mountains, and the wonder and abundance of nature. We pray that you would empower those who speak out against all that is contributing towards climate change. We pray for all the countries that will be involved in the climate change conference in Glasgow later in the year, and that agreement will be reached to reduce greenhouse gases, the burning of fossil fuels and deforestation. Father, we are aware that the poorest countries are suffering the most, so help us to play our part in caring for your world.

**Response: *Generous God,***

***You hold nothing back. Help us to share all that you give us with others.***

Loving Father, during the past year we've become even more aware of how much we depend upon each other. We praise you for the joy we have felt in sharing meals with family and friends, and being able to share time with those we love.

Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones, to those who feel lost and are low, and those suffering poor health. Open our eyes to those in need and help us to be ready to show your love and generosity towards them.

As your Word says: '*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit; rather in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you looking to the interests of others.*' (Philippians 2.3-4)

**Response: Generous God,**

*You hold nothing back. Help us to share all that you give us with others.*

**Amen**

### **CLOSING SONG: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah**

Watch a video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msH8v6uwlWU>

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore;  
Feed me now and evermore.  
Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.  
When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

*Songwriters: John Hughes / William Williams*

### **CLOSING WORDS**

**(Chris and Jim Black PNK)**

From what we know  
To what we have yet to discover  
**God is calling us on.**

From all that binds us  
To the truth which frees us  
**God is calling us on.**  
From the blessings of today  
To the possibilities of tomorrow  
**God is calling us on.**

*Ruth Burgess, In 'Eggs & Ashes', Wild Goose Publications 2004*

**BLESSING**

**(Peter Wood PSK&H)**

And so, on this day, and in the days to come,  
may you know God's generosity  
and may you find in Jesus the bread of life  
and may you experience the Holy Spirit  
at work in your life,  
transforming the water of the present moment  
into the wine of the kingdom.

**Amen**

All hymns/songs used on this sheet used by permission: CCL Licence No 974355  
Scottish Charity No SC005838

*The following congregations were involved in this service:*

- PNK: Penicuik North
- PSH: Penicuik South with Howgate
- StM: Penicuik St Mungo's

**Next Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
Continuing in 1 Samuel**

**Next KIP service: Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup>  
"Sharing resources"  
led by Rev Graham Astles (PNK)**