

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



Sunday 12th August 2021

This act of worship has been prepared to allow us to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it.

We thank all the team 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 video service; <https://youtu.be/ujN9t79cvYU> which you'll also find on our website: www.stmungos.freeuk.com . 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.**

INTROIT: Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here

Watch video <https://youtu.be/BkXWPdgRqOA>

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace—
no work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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WELCOME to St Mungo's. Let us worship God.

HYMN: At the name of Jesus

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At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Mighty and mysterious in the highest height,
God from everlasting, very light of light:
in the Father's bosom with the Spirit blest,
love, in love eternal, rest, in perfect rest.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory, of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true:
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Author: Caroline M. Noel (1870)

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PRAYER

God our Father,
we thank you for your constant presence in our lives
and for all the ways you encourage, challenge, strengthen and renew us.

We thank you that we still hear your quiet words
whispering to us in the silence of our own hearts
or speaking to us through the Holy Scriptures.
Speak us today. Feed us, guide us,
encourage us or correct us.

We thank you that through the fellowship we've found in Christ,
and through the love and prayers of our fellow Christians,
we can know your presence and power in what we do and say.
Yet so many times we've failed you in our thoughts and words.
We've missed God-given opportunities
and the promptings of your Holy Spirit
to speak up for our belief in you.
We're ashamed of our weaknesses, faults,
our greed, our selfishness, our envy and pride.
In Jesus, we see your forgiving mercy and grace.
We know that if we confess our sins to you,
you will forgive us and cleanse our hearts and minds.
Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
so that we might seek your presence
and follow you more faithfully each day,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Adapted from a prayer Rev Chris Blackshaw

THE STORY SO FAR

The storyteller has related how King Saul has died by his own hand, to avoid being captured and tortured, after being severely wounded in battle against the Philistines. The king's armour-bearer has refused to kill him and then seeing that Saul is dead decides to fall on his own sword. Three of his sons are also dead, and Israel has suffered a massive defeat.

David in Ziklag, about eighty miles to the south, has not heard any news of this yet.

BIBLE READINGS

2 Samuel 1: 1-16 (NET)

Reader Heather Nicholas

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, he stayed at Ziklag for two days. On the third day a man arrived from the camp of Saul with his clothes torn and dirt on his head. When he approached David, the man threw himself to the ground.

David asked him, "Where are you coming from?" He replied, "I have escaped from the camp of Israel." David inquired, "How were things going? Tell me!" He replied, "The people fled from the battle and many of them fell dead. Even Saul and his son Jonathan are dead!" David said to the young man who was telling him this, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?" The young man said, "I just happened to be on Mount Gilboa and came across Saul leaning on his spear for support. The chariots and leaders of the horsemen were in hot pursuit of him. When he turned around and saw me, he called out to me. I answered, 'Here I am!' He asked me, 'Who are you?' I told him, 'I'm an Amalekite.' He said to me, 'Stand over me and finish me off! I'm very

dizzy, even though I'm still alive.' So I stood over him and put him to death, since I knew that he couldn't live in such a condition. Then I took the crown which was on his head and the bracelet which was on his arm. I have brought them here to my lord."

David then grabbed his own clothes and tore them, as did all the men who were with him. They lamented and wept and fasted until evening because Saul, his son Jonathan, the Lord's army, and the house of Israel had fallen by the sword.

David said to the young man who told this to him, "Where are you from?" He replied, "I am an Amalekite, the son of a resident foreigner." David replied to him, "How is it that you were not afraid to reach out your hand to destroy the Lord's anointed?" Then David called one of the soldiers and said, "Come here and strike him down!" So he struck him down, and he died. David said to him, "Your blood be on your own head! Your own mouth has testified against you, saying 'I have put the Lord's anointed to death.'"

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Acts 4:32 – 5:11 (CEV)

Reader: Heather Nicholas

The group of followers all felt the same way about everything. None of them claimed that their possessions were their own, and they shared everything they had with each other. In a powerful way the apostles told everyone that the Lord Jesus was now alive. God greatly blessed his followers, and no one went in need of anything. Everyone who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles. Then they would give the money to anyone who needed it.

Joseph was one of the followers who had sold a piece of property and brought the money to the apostles. He was a Levite from Cyprus, and the apostles called him Barnabas, which means "one who encourages others."

Ananias and his wife Sapphira also sold a piece of property. But they agreed to cheat and keep some of the money for themselves.

So when Ananias took the rest of the money to the apostles, Peter said, "Why has Satan made you keep back some of the money from the sale of the property? Why have you lied to the Holy Spirit? The property was yours before you sold it, and even after you sold it, the money was still yours. What made you do such a thing? You didn't lie to people. You lied to God!"

As soon as Ananias heard this, he dropped dead, and everyone who heard about it was frightened. Some young men came in and wrapped up his body. Then they took it out and buried it.

Three hours later Sapphira came in, but she did not know what had happened to her husband. Peter asked her, "Tell me, did you sell the property for this amount?"

"Yes," she answered, "that's the amount."

Then Peter said, "Why did the two of you agree to test the Lord's Spirit? The men who buried Ananias are by the door, and they will carry you out!" At once she fell at Peter's feet and died.

When the young men came back in, they found Sapphira lying there dead. So they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. The church members were afraid, and so was everyone else who heard what had happened.

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SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: We Are One

Watch video <https://youtu.be/sBKKZtpF9po>

Sister, let me wipe your tears.
Brother, let me bear your fears
Come on, every daughter, every son,
let us walk in love for we are one.

Though we walk a long and broken road,
we are here to bear each other's load,
and forgive as you've forgiven us.
Let us walk in love for we are one.

*We are one in the Father's love,
we of every tribe and every tongue.
We are found in the risen Son;
we are bound together by his blood.
Let us walk in love for we are one.*

There's a love that conquers all divides;
there's a love that paid the greatest price,
for the battle over death is won.
Now alive in Christ we live as one.

On the day you come to call us home,
with the multitude before the throne.
Now with all the saints who've overcome,
for eternity we'll sing as one.

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PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

Father, you are faithful, your love stands firm forever,
and your faithfulness through all generations.
You alone are our strength, you are our shield and protector.
Help us to trust you, to stand firm on your promises in Jesus,
and always to be thankful for your answers to believing prayer.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, All: hear our prayer.

We pray for our political leaders and representatives,
that we might live in peace with lives pleasing to you.
We pray for our world to be governed wisely and well,
with proper consideration for the vulnerable and weak.
We pray that life-saving vaccines may be shared among the poorer nations
rather than being stockpiled in the richer ones.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, All: hear our prayer.

We pray for the people of Afghanistan,
including all who have taken refuge in other countries,
Provide for all their practical needs:
give them shelter, clean water, food and opportunities to earn an income.
Bring an end to the drought that's leading to chronic food shortages there.
We cry out to you for peace and justice in Afghanistan.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, All: hear our prayer.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,
since as members of one body we were called to peace.
We pray that any barriers within the church,
built up by fear or prejudice, misunderstanding or hurt,
may be broken down in Christ and unity restored.
Guide us as we seek to work together
for your kingdom in Penicuik.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, All: hear our prayer.

All our prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, praying in his words:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

HYMN: Psalm 23: Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy

Watch video at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RNJWZpb5hbdnMw1UbUMkFieHsIsenIx1/view>

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
In green pastures, He makes me lie down.
He restores my soul and leads me on for His Name,
for His great Name.

*Surely goodness, surely mercy, right beside me all my days—
and I will dwell in Your house forever and bless Your Holy Name.*

You prepare a table right before me
in the presence of my enemies.
Though the arrow flies and the terror of night
is at my door, I'll trust you Lord.

*Surely goodness, surely mercy, right beside me all my days—
and I will dwell in Your house forever and bless Your Holy Name.*

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil...
and even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
You are on my side— oh-oh-oh!
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
You are on my side.

*Surely goodness, surely mercy, right beside me all my days—
and I will dwell in Your house forever and bless Your Holy Name.*

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THE BLESSING

May the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you. **Amen**

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Next week:
The Grace of Giving