

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



FEBRUARY 13th, 2022

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 service <https://youtu.be/ExRkNpRSjQg>

follow the link 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: Of the Father's love begotten

Watch video <https://youtu.be/L8azbdxgBRM>

Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time
chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n adore him,
angel hosts his praises sing,
pow'rs, dominions bow before him
and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
ev'ry voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unending praises be,
honour, glory, and dominion
and eternal victory
evermore and evermore.

*From Corde natus ex parentis by AC Prudentius (348-410) Translated by HW Baker and JM Neale
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WELCOME to our service today.

Let's worship God

HYMN: Love divine, all loves excelling

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

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.

Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Love Divine, Charles Wesley, Arrangement © 2018 Alanna Glover, CCLI Song No: 7125865

PRAYER

Loving Father,
we confess to you what we are:
we're not the people we like others to think that we are;
we're afraid to admit even to ourselves
what lies in the depths of our hearts.

Even so, we don't want to hide our true selves from you.
We believe that you know us as we are,
and yet you still love us.

Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge;
teach us to respect ourselves for your sake;
give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.

Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt and fear
and take us into the freedom and energy of your forgiven people.
And for those who find the truth of forgiveness hard to accept,
we ask that you'd break their bondage and set them free.

Father, give us a firm foundation in the truth of who you are.

By your Holy Spirit, reveal to us what we need to know;
complete in us what is still lacking;
strengthen us firmly in the faith of Christ
and root us in the hope of the Gospel.

Because of Jesus, who gave his life for us, we come to you;
come to us by your Holy Spirit in our worship.

Through Jesus, may we stand in your presence
as a people unaccused and holy
and 'lost in wonder, love, and praise'. **Amen.**

Adapted from The Covenant Hymnal, Colossians 1 and words by Clement of Rome

THE STORY SO FAR

David has tried to bring the ark of God to Jerusalem, his new capital, at first unsuccessfully. Uzzah, one of a priestly family overseeing the progress of the ark, is struck dead for violating the ark's holiness. Everyone is in shock and for a while the sacred chest is abandoned in fear at the house of Obed-Edom. The ark turns out to be a blessing to that household rather than a curse, and so David is encouraged to bring the ark once more to Jerusalem, this time using the proper safeguards of the Law.

David's exuberant worship of God meets with disdain and sarcasm from his first wife, Michal, King Saul's daughter. She accuses him of forgetting his royal status as the king. From the likely estrangement between David and Michal, the last viable hope of the House of Saul for a joint heir with the new House of David is gone. But the discussion of 'houses' is not finished: watch out in our reading for a very important play on words. It's about the meaning of the word 'house', as a place to live and as a royal dynasty.

BIBLE READINGS

2 Samuel 7: 1-17 (GWT)

Reader: Bill Webster

While King David was living in his house, the Lord gave him peace with all his enemies around him. So the king said to the prophet Nathan, “Look, I’m living in a house made of cedar, while the ark of God remains in the tent.”

Nathan told the king, “Do everything you have in mind, because the Lord is with you.”

But that same night the Lord spoke his word to Nathan: “Say to my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord says: Are you the one who will build me a house to live in? I haven’t lived in a house from the day I took Israel out of Egypt to this day. Instead, I moved around in a tent, the tent of meeting. In all the places I’ve moved with all the Israelites, did I ever ask any of the judges of Israel whom I ordered to be shepherds of my people Israel why they didn’t build me a house of cedar?’”

“Now this is what you will say to my servant David: ‘This is what the Lord of Armies says: I took you from the pasture where you followed sheep so that you could be the leader of my people Israel. I was with you wherever you went, and I destroyed all your enemies in front of you. I will make your name famous like the names of the greatest people on earth. I will make a place for my people Israel and plant them there. They will live in their own place and not be troubled anymore. The wicked will no longer oppress them as they used to do ever since I appointed judges to rule my people Israel. So I will give you peace with all your enemies. I, the Lord, tell you that I will make a house for you.

“ ‘When the time comes for you to lie down in death with your ancestors, I will send one of your descendants, \perp one \perp who will come from you. I will establish his kingdom. He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he will be my Son. If he sins, I will punish him with a rod and with blows inflicted by people. But I will never stop showing him my love as I did to Saul, whom I took out of your way. Your royal house will remain in my presence forever. Your throne will be established forever.’ ”

Nathan told David all these words and everything he had seen.

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Romans 1: 1-6 (ISV)

Reader: Margaret Webster

From: Paul, a servant of Jesus the Messiah, called to be an apostle and set apart for God’s gospel, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son. He was a descendant of David with respect to his humanity and was declared by the resurrection from the dead to be the powerful Son of God according to the spirit of holiness—Jesus the Messiah, our Lord. Through him we received grace and a commission as an apostle to bring about faithful obedience among all the gentiles for the sake of his name. You, too, are among those who have been called to belong to Jesus the Messiah.

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HYMN: O Breath of life

Watch video <https://youtu.be/0lpCy3Qq3VI>

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive Your church with life and power.

O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us
and fit Your church to meet this hour.

*O Breath of love, come breathe within,
renewing thought and will and heart.*

*Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win,
revive Your church in every part.*

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in Your tenderness remake us—
revive, restore, for this we plead!

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and ripe?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip Your church to spread the light.

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SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: Hail to the Lord's anointed

Watch video <https://youtu.be/0JRvt3d3rJs>

Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son.

Hail in the time appointed
his reign on earth begun.

He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy
and bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.

Before him, on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him
and gold and incense bring.
all nations shall adore him:
his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all-blessed.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove.
his Name shall stand forever.
That Name to us is Love.

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PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES (Bill and Margaret Webster)

This month it is one year since the coup in Myanmar. Since the coup, hundreds of thousands of people have been forced to flee their homes – many seeking refuge in neighbouring countries. Let's continue to pray for a peaceful return to democratic rule.

God of justice,
we plead for you to show that no one should suppress justice by might or power.
Hear those who cry out for justice and peace,
and remember the plight of the persecuted, the broken,
and those who have been displaced or imprisoned in their own land.

God of hope,
we plead for you to restore true nationhood and security in the land of Myanmar.
Hear those desperately trying to help the country survive in a hostile situation
and we ask that there will be a speedy and peaceful resolution to this impasse.

God of peace,
we plead for you to remember the well-being of each person in Myanmar.
Hear those who are unwell and sick. Grant your healing grace to them.
Ensure they have uninterrupted medical services
and restrain the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic.

God of all,
we ask that you watch over our sisters and brothers in the Church in Myanmar.
Help them amid civil unrest and armed conflict.
May they be a channel of your blessing
to assist and support the displaced people across the country
and to be a powerful witness to Christ in a majority Buddhist society.

In Jesus' name, we ask all this,
and we pray in the words he taught us:

**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.**

Adapted from a prayer by the Council for World Mission (CWM)

HYMN: O faithful Lord, my solid ground

Watch video <https://youtu.be/VTqrxrlui9c>

O faithful Lord, my solid ground,
when storms are raging all around
your mighty cross, your precious blood,
will keep me safe within the flood.

Nothing in all this world, I know,
can separate me from your love.

So I will cling to being found,
my life secure within your hand.

How wise the folly of your ways:
this treasure held in jars of clay,
and breaking forth from brokenness
there comes a power not from us.

So I will boast, though it seems wrong,
for when I'm weak, then I am strong.

Now taking up my cross I walk
your narrow path of life, my Lord.

And when I walk through death's dark vale,
Lord, I shall fear no evil there;
for you are with me, whispering still
your peace in times of trial and ill.
My boldest hope shall still remain:
to live is Christ, to die is gain!
Until the end, I'll walk your ways:
oh, hold me in my darkened days!
When you appear, all storms shall fade,
and there will dawn a brighter day.
Your faithful promises stand true
as all creation is renewed.
You'll make your home with us to stay
as every tear is wiped away
and heav'n and earth cry out your praise;
Oh, how my soul longs for that day!

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THE BLESSING

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

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Next Sunday, 20th February

A promise kept: Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9)