

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



Sunday 13th June 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/IHhGck52UB8> or follow the link which you'll 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: Spirit of holiness

Watch video <https://youtu.be/Xkilo263GkI>

*Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness,
wind of the Lord, blowing strongly and free:
strength of our serving and joy of our worshipping
Spirit of God, bring your fulness to me!*

You came to interpret and teach us effectively
all that the Saviour has spoken and done;
to glorify Jesus is all your activity
promise and gift of the Father and Son:

Spirit of holiness...

You came with your gifts to supply all our poverty,
pouring your love on the church in her need;
you came with your fruit for our growth to maturity,
richly refreshing the souls that you feed:

*Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness,
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Music: Blow the wind southerly (English Traditional); Arrangement: John Barnard

WELCOME to St Mungo's. Our call to worship comes from Psalm 59.

Leader: I will sing about your strength.

All: I will rejoice in your love every morning.

Leader: You have been my place of safety,

All: the place I can run to when troubles come. *Psalm 59:16*

Let us worship God.

HYMN: Christ is made the sure foundation

Watch video https://youtu.be/5bC0tgG_bIE

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with your constant loving-kindness,
hear your servants as they pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run.

*Angularis fundamentum (Latin, 6th or 7th cent); translated by J. M. Neale (1818-1866)
Sung at St Machar's Cathedral, Aberdeen*

PRAYER

Sovereign Lord,
we do not serve you
as faithfully as we'd like to,
we do not know you
as fully as we want to,
and we do not love you
as much as we should do,
but we long to live as your people
and to give you the commitment you deserve.

We thank you that your commitment to us doesn't fail:
You have loved us with a love that lasts forever,
and with unfailing love, you've drawn us to you.
You have promised to build us up,
indeed, to rebuild us after the image of your Son.
Forgive us our sins for his sake who gave his life for us,
which we confess to you now in this time of quiet.

Take, then, the discipleship we have,
flawed though it is,
and work within us by your gracious Spirit
to make us what you would have us become,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Based on a prayer by Nick Fawcett

THE STORY SO FAR

King Saul has grown more envious of David's success and more fearful that he will one day take over the throne. So he takes steps to eliminate David. At first, no-one, including David, suspects anything, because the king is well known at court for his changing moods and disturbed episodes. David has to dodge a spear from Saul, but the first time it happens, it's probably put down to the king's illness: 'he doesn't really mean it,' the courtiers might have said.

Next, Saul hopes the Philistines will get rid of David for him, so he promotes him to oversee an active unit of soldiers. However, this only ensures more successes for David and the devotion and loyalty of the people to this outstanding officer.

Saul had earlier promised his daughter's hand in marriage to the man who would defeat the Philistine champion, Goliath. He says he'll marry his elder daughter to David, but later changes his mind and marries her to someone else. Saul thinks he will have another go at lulling David into a false sense of security. So he enters into negotiations through his courtiers with David to marry his younger daughter, Michal, who is said to love David—as does nearly everyone else, apart from Saul.

To marry a king's daughter would normally involve the prospective bridegroom paying a very large amount to her father for the honour—and as insurance in case the husband should die or desert her. David comes from a relatively poor family, so Saul asks instead for a gruesome bride-price, that will involve David mutilating the bodies of the Philistines that he and his men have killed in battle and bringing back grisly trophies. David agrees to this and, instead of dying at the hands of the Philistines, as Saul hopes, he brings back double the total that the king demands and marries Michal. Saul begins to realise that he's not just fighting David, but actively fighting the Lord, but he persists and becomes a lifelong enemy to David. Saul's adult children, Jonathan and Michal, will have to choose between family loyalty and their loyalty to David.

BIBLE READING

1 Samuel 19: 1-24 (NCV)

Reader: Margaret Black

Saul told his son Jonathan and all his servants to kill David, but Jonathan liked David very much. So he warned David, "My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Watch out in the morning. Hide in a secret place. I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are hiding, and I'll talk to him about you. Then I'll let you know what I find out."

When Jonathan talked to Saul his father, he said good things about David. Jonathan said, "The king should do no wrong to your servant David since he has done nothing wrong to you. What he has done has helped you greatly. David risked his life when he killed Goliath the Philistine, and the Lord won a great victory for all Israel. You saw it and were happy. Why would you do wrong against David? He's innocent. There's no reason to kill him!"

Saul listened to Jonathan and then made this promise: "As surely as the Lord lives, David won't be put to death."

So Jonathan called to David and told him everything that had been said. He brought David to Saul, and David was with Saul as before.

When war broke out again, David went out to fight the Philistines. He defeated them, and they ran away from him.

But once again an evil spirit from the Lord rushed upon Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. David was playing the harp. Saul tried to pin David to the wall with his spear, but David jumped out of the way. So Saul's spear went into the wall, and David ran away that night.

Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch it and to kill him in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, warned him, saying, "Tonight you must run for your life. If you don't, you will be dead in the morning." So she let David down out of a window, and he ran away and escaped. Then Michal took an idol, laid it on the bed, covered it with clothes, and put goats' hair at its head.

Saul sent messengers to take David prisoner, but Michal said, "He is sick."

Saul sent them back to see David, saying, "Bring him to me on his bed so I can kill him."

When the messengers entered David's house, they found just an idol on the bed with goats' hair on its head.

Saul said to Michal, "Why did you trick me this way? You let my enemy go so he could run away!"

Michal answered Saul, "David told me if I did not help him escape, he would kill me."

After David had escaped from Saul, he went to Samuel at Ramah and told him everything Saul had done to him. Then David and Samuel went to Naioth and stayed there. Saul heard that David was in Naioth at Ramah. So he sent messengers to capture him. But they met a group of prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing there leading them. So the Spirit of God entered Saul's men, and they also prophesied.

When Saul heard the news, he sent more messengers, but they also prophesied. Then he sent messengers a third time, but they also prophesied. Finally, Saul himself went to Ramah, to the well at Secu. He asked, "Where are Samuel and David?"

The people answered, "In Naioth at Ramah."

When Saul went to Naioth at Ramah, the Spirit of God also rushed upon him. And he walked on, prophesying until he came to Naioth at Ramah. He took off his robes and prophesied in front of Samuel. He lay that way all day and all night. That is why people ask, "Is even Saul one of the prophets?"

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SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: You are my hiding place

Watch video <https://youtu.be/M2BvRgd5ZzE>

You are my hiding place,
you always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance.

Whenever I am afraid

I will trust in you;

I will trust in you.

Let the weak say:

'I am strong in the strength of the Lord.'

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Everett Harris Virtual Choir: Echoes of Zion

PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES, led by Joan and Neil Cape

These prayers are based on Psalm 13. The themes touch on some more difficult subjects which we might otherwise find hard to engage with prayerfully.

Reader 1: **How long, Lord? Will you forget me for ever?
How long will you hide your face from me?**

Reader 2: We pray for those who feel forgotten and unseen,
may they know that they are remembered and seen by you, Lord.
Help us to partner with you to remember the forgotten.
Search our hearts to reveal those we often hide our faces from,
the outcast, the stranger or the homeless person.
Change our hearts, that we may turn our faces towards them.

Reader 1: **How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?**

Reader 2: We pray for those we know who struggle
with mental illness, anxiety or depression.
We pray that there will be resources released to help,
enough staff employed and enough finances to support services.
Help us to be a friend and a listening ear to those who suffer.
Fill us with compassion and wisdom.
We pray for those who wrestle with sorrow,
that they may know your victory over those dark thoughts
which currently seem to triumph over them.

Reader 1: **Look on me and answer, Lord my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, 'I have overcome him,'
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.**

Reader 2: We pray for those who are considered fallen by those around them:
may they know your restoration and grace.
Help us to not judge or exclude anyone that you love,
but instead lift them up in prayer,
and welcome them with the grace we know in Christ.
Thank you, loving Father, for hearing our prayer through Jesus.
We proclaim together:

All: **But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me. Amen.**

Adapted prayer © Sara Hargreaves/engageworship.org

HYMN: Everlasting Arms (lean hard)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/IBLRnDSyO-Q>

He lavishes grace as our burdens grow greater.
He sends us more strength as our labours increase.
To added afflictions, He offers more mercy.
To multiplied trials, He multiplies peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
when our strength has failed and the day is half done,
when we've reached the end of our earthly resources,
the Father's full giving is only begun...
the Father's full giving is only begun.

*So lean hard, lean hard, lean on the everlasting arms.
Lean hard, lean hard, lean on the everlasting arms.
Lean on the everlasting arms.*

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,
His power has no boundary that's known unto men,
for out of His infinite riches in Jesus
he giveth and giveth, and giveth again...
he giveth and giveth, and giveth again.

So lean hard, lean hard, lean on the everlasting arms...

You lead me beside still waters.
Your goodness restores my soul.
I know that You'll never leave me.
I know that You won't let go.

You lead me beside still waters.
Your goodness restores my soul.
I know that You'll never leave me.
I know that You won't let go.

So lean hard, lean hard, lean on the everlasting arms....

*Your mercy flows like a river
Your mercy flows like a river
Your mercy flows like a river on us*

So lean hard, lean hard, lean on the everlasting arms....

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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's service

David: a refugee among the Philistines

The service will include

the celebration of Holy Communion