

**Welcome** to Penicuik South & Howgate and Penicuik St Mungo's online.



**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 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/yUBHC5jQ55c>**

**on our (soon to be changing) website: [www.stmungos.freeuk.com](http://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.**

### **OPENING MUSIC: Come, Holy Spirit**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/bToCXRGsKJ4>

Come, Holy Spirit, descend on us, descend on us.

We gather here in Jesus' name.

Come, Breath of Heaven, descend on us, descend on us.

We gather here in Jesus' name.

Come, Word of Mercy, descend on us, descend on us.

We gather here in Jesus' name.

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### **WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to our service. Let's worship God.

### **SONG: The God of Abraham praise**

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

The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;

Ancient of Everlasting Days,  
and God of Love;

Jehovah, great I AM!

by earth and heaven confessed;

I bow and bless the sacred name  
forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn;  
I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face;  
I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace  
forevermore.

The heavenly land I see,  
with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty,  
and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow  
with mercy crowned.

The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry  
"Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same,  
and evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,  
we worship thee!"

*Attributed to Daniel ben Judah (14th century), freely adapted by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)  
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## **PRAYER**

Our Heavenly Father,  
You are a God who makes promises.  
You made promises to Abraham and he believed you.  
You made promises to the disciples through Jesus,  
and they believed him.  
You kept your promises.  
Sometimes it is hard to wait and believe.  
Sometimes it takes a long time.  
Help us to put our faith in you,  
to know you as our Stronghold, our Saviour,  
the One who takes away our fears.  
Help us to confess our wrong attitudes to you,  
the things we have done that displease you  
and the things we have left undone.

[short silence]

Father, you promise forgiveness in Jesus  
to all who turn to you with a change of heart and mind;  
you promise that you will never abandon us;  
you promise that you will come close to us  
as we come close to you;  
and you promise so much more besides,  
and all through Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

*Partly based on Light for the Lectionary © Scripture Union, 2009.*

### **SONG: Amazing grace**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/gEwgR-SJLOA>

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

*I will not fear, for you are with me.  
I'll trust in your amazing grace.*

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

*Original words: John Newton (1779); Refrain: [https://engageworship.org/Amazing\\_Grace](https://engageworship.org/Amazing_Grace)*

### **BIBLE READINGS**

#### **Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 (NIRV)**

**Reader: Fiona Hutcheson**

Some time later, Abram had a vision. The Lord said to him,  
“Abram, do not be afraid.  
I am like a shield to you.  
I am your very great reward.”

But Abram said, “Lord and King, what can you give me? I still don’t have any children.  
My servant Eliezer comes from Damascus. When I die, he will get everything I own.”  
Abram continued, “You haven’t given me any children. So this servant of mine will get  
everything I own.”

Then a message from the Lord came to Abram. The Lord said, "When you die, what you have will not go to this man. You will have a son of your own. He will get everything you have." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky. Count the stars, if you can." Then he said to him, "That's how many children will be born into your family."

Abram believed the Lord. The Lord was pleased with Abram because he believed. So Abram's faith made him right with the Lord.

He also said to Abram, "I am the Lord. I brought you out of Ur in the land of Babylon. I will give you this land to have as your very own."

But Abram said, "Lord and King, how can I know I will have this land as my own?"

So the Lord said to him, "Bring me a young cow, a goat and a ram. Each must be three years old. Bring a dove and a young pigeon along with them."

Abram brought all of them to the Lord. Abram cut them in two and placed the halves opposite each other. But he didn't cut the birds in half. Then large birds came down to eat the dead bodies of the animals and birds. But Abram chased the large birds away. As the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep. A thick and scary darkness covered him.

[17] The sun set and it became dark. Then a burning torch and a pot filled with smoking coals appeared. They passed between the pieces of the animals that had been cut in two. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram. He said, "I am giving this land to your family who comes after you. It reaches from the River of Egypt to the great Euphrates River.

### **Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 (NIRV)**

**Reader: Agnes Ovenstone**

Brothers and sisters, join together in following my example. You have us as a model. So pay close attention to those who live as we do. I have told you these things many times before. Now I tell you again with tears in my eyes. Many people live like enemies of the cross of Christ. The only thing they have coming to them is death. Their stomach is their god. They brag about what they should be ashamed of. They think only about earthly things. But we are citizens of heaven. And we can hardly wait for a Saviour from there. He is the Lord Jesus Christ. He has the power to bring everything under his control. By his power he will change our earthly bodies. They will become like his glorious body.

My brothers and sisters, in this way remain strong in the Lord. I love you and long for you. Dear friends, you are my joy and my crown.

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**REFLECTIONS: The Revd Peter Wood, incorporating the following song:**

**SONG: Over my head I hear music in the air**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/M8IW2DfujhE>

*Over my head I hear music in the air;  
over my head I hear music in the air;  
over my head I hear music in the air;  
there must be a God somewhere.*

Now, when I'm feeling troubled,  
I hear music in the air;  
now, when I'm feeling troubled,  
I hear music in the air;  
now, when I'm feeling troubled,  
I hear music in the air;  
there must be a God somewhere.

*Over my head I hear music in the air...*

When all the world is silent,  
I hear music in the air;  
when all the world is silent,  
I hear music in the air;  
when all the world is silent,  
I hear music in the air;  
there must be a God somewhere.

*Over my head I hear music in the air...*

And when I think on Jesus,  
I hear music in the air;  
and when I think on Jesus,  
I hear music in the air;  
and when I think on Jesus,  
I hear music in the air;  
there must be a God somewhere.

*Over my head I hear music in the air...*

*African-American spiritual arranged by John Bell © WGRG, The Iona Community*

## **SONG: Your Spirit Groans for Peace: Song for Ukraine**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/7dQxi9LGDjU>

When evil comes upon us  
we will stand before this house and implore you.

We cry in our distress,  
you will hear our desperate prayer and deliver.

*This nation groans, foundations shaking,  
terror stalks the streets today.*

*Your Spirit groans for peace,  
your Spirit groans for truth,  
your Spirit groans for justice,  
we groan along with you.*

Though sword may come upon us,  
we will stand before this house and implore you.

We cry in our distress,  
you will hear our desperate prayer and deliver.

*This nation groans, your people quaking,  
stay the hand of hate today.*

*Your Spirit groans for peace,  
your Spirit groans for truth,  
your Spirit groans for justice,  
we groan along with you.*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

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www.andyflan.com, ChurchSongs.co.uk; from 2 Chronicles 20:9, Romans 8:26*

## **PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES (Neil Cape)**

*In the prayer, please feel free to respond 'Hear our prayer' after I say 'Lord, in your mercy'.*

Let us pray.

We bring to you now, Father, our prayers for others and for ourselves.

Thank you, Father, for your promises to us, that you love us and care for us.

We remember today the people of Ukraine, who are calling to you in faith, and calling to you in the hope that you hear and care – calling for peace, and truth, and justice.

We add our prayers, for a swift end to the fighting and fear, needless deaths and injuries, and senseless destruction.

Lord, in your mercy – **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of Poland, Moldova and the other countries receiving people fleeing from war. We ask you to strengthen their faith and generosity, and to supply their needs as they seek to supply the needs of others.

Lord, in your mercy – ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the people in this country who feel unable to do much to help, and for those who fear the consequences of the war for life here, especially rising food and fuel costs. Father, give our leaders wisdom and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy – ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for ourselves – help us not to shut out the cries of those suffering, but to find ways of practical help. We pray that we will continue to have faith and put our trust in you, and in the power of your love.

Lord, in your mercy – ***hear our prayer.***

We bring all our prayers to you in the name of Jesus as we join together in the prayer he gave 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory for ever.**

**Amen**

**SONG: By faith we see the hand of God**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/al6iMwBAKhI>

By faith we see the hand of God  
in the light of creation's grand design;  
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,  
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
with the power of his promise in their hearts:  
of a holy city built by God's own hand—  
a place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise,  
we will fix our eyes on him: our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
when the longed-for Messiah would appear  
with the power to break the chains of sin and death  
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go  
in the power of the Spirit to the lost:  
to deliver captives and to preach good news  
in every corner of the earth.

*We will stand as children of the promise...*

By faith, this mountain shall be moved  
and the power of the gospel shall prevail,  
for we know in Christ all things are possible  
for all who call upon his name.

*We will stand as children of the promise...*

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### **THE BLESSING**

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

### **CLOSING MUSIC: When I look into the face of my enemy**

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

*When I look into the face of my enemy,  
I see my brother, I see my brother.*

Forgiveness is the garment of our courage,  
the power to make the peace we long to know.

Open up our eyes  
to see the wounds that bind all of humankind.  
May our shuttered hearts  
greet the dawn of life with charity and love.

*When I look into the face of my enemy,  
I see my brother, I see my brother.*

*Cover of "Brother" originally by The Brilliance by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal*

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**Next week:  
David and 'Uriahgate'  
2 Samuel 11-12**