

# **Welcome** to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 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 service, follow the link which you'll find on our website: [www.stmungo.freeuk.com](http://www.stmungo.freeuk.com). Full Video <https://youtu.be/tSyGHVT2Swo>

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.

**WELCOME** to St Mungo's. It's good you can be with us.

Please join with me, if you can, in our call to worship:

Leader: When we are afraid, we will look to you;

**All: we will trust in you and be saved.**

Leader: When we know that we have done wrong and need forgiveness,

**All: we will trust in you and be saved.**

Leader: When we face opposition from those who do not love you,

**All: we will trust in you and be saved.**

Let's worship God.

**HYMN: The Lord's my Shepherd** (*Psalms 23*)

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/EhdXCw5cMfk>

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.

He makes me lie in pastures green.

He leads me by the still, still waters;

his goodness restores my soul.

He guides my ways in righteousness,

and he anoints my head with oil;

and my cup, it overflows with joy:

I feast on his pure delights.

*And I will trust in you alone,  
And I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me;  
your goodness will lead me home.*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me,  
and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

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## **PRAYER**

God our Father,  
as we go forward into the season of Lent,  
when we're encouraged  
to examine the state of our hearts and lives,  
to go back to the rudiments of our faith,  
looking to you for all that we need,  
we ask you to come to us,  
teach us, help us and lead us.  
Give us real repentance where we need it.  
We bring to you now in quiet  
anything that lies heavy on our conscience...  
We thank you for the gift of forgiveness  
springing out of your love  
and made available to all who believe in Christ,  
through the death of our Saviour for us on the cross.  
We thank you for the remaking,  
renewing power of your Holy Spirit,  
who is your gift to all who believe in Christ.

If we know all this,  
make it fresh in us,  
If we haven't experienced it,  
bring us to know it.  
In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

**HYMN: Longing for light, we wait in darkness**

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/8ITDS5B218g>

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light...*

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed.

*Christ, be our light...*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

walls made of living stone.

*Christ, be our light...*

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

making your kingdom come.

*Christ, be our light...*

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## **THE STORY SO FAR**

The ark of the covenant has been captured by the Philistines, and Eli's sons, as priestly guardians of the ark, have been killed in the battle. Eli, who seems to have long given up hope for his sons' repentance, on hearing of the loss of the ark falls backward and is killed. What will happen to the ark now it is in Philistia?

## **BIBLE READINGS**

### **1 Samuel 5: 1-12 (NRSV)**

**Reader: Bill Webster**

When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod; then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and placed it beside Dagon. When the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord.

So they took Dagon and put him back in his place. But when they rose early on the next morning, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off upon the threshold; only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. This is why the priests of Dagon and all who enter the house of Dagon do not step on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

The hand of the Lord was heavy upon the people of Ashdod, and he terrified and struck them with tumours, both in Ashdod and in its territory. And when the inhabitants of Ashdod saw how things were, they said, 'The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us; for his hand is heavy on us and on our god Dagon.' So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, 'What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?' The inhabitants of Gath replied, 'Let the ark of God be moved on to us.'

So they moved the ark of the God of Israel to Gath. But after they had brought it to Gath, the hand of the Lord was against the city, causing a very great panic; he struck the inhabitants of the city, both young and old, so that tumours broke out on them.

So they sent the ark of the God of Israel to Ekron. But when the ark of God came to Ekron, the people of Ekron cried out, 'Why have they brought across to us the ark of the God of Israel to kill us and our people?' They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, 'Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, that it may not kill us and our people.' For there was a deathly panic throughout the whole city. The hand of God was very heavy there; those who did not die were stricken with tumours, and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

**In case anyone is surprised by the appearance of the second reading, I'd better explain that I've tried to capture the form of Paul's argument in Romans 10 by placing the words in a way that emphasises it.**

...if you confess with your lips  
that Jesus is Lord  
and believe in your heart  
that God raised him from the dead,  
you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart  
and so is justified,  
and one confesses with the mouth  
and so is saved.

The scripture says, *'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'*

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;  
the same Lord is Lord of all  
and is generous to all who call on him.

For, *'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

But how are they to call  
on one in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe  
in one of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear  
without someone to proclaim him?

And how are they to proclaim him  
unless they are sent?

As it is written, *'How beautiful are the feet  
of those who bring good news!'*

But not all have obeyed the good news;  
for Isaiah says, *'Lord, who has believed our message?'*

So faith comes from what is heard,  
and what is heard  
comes through the word of Christ.

But I ask, have they not heard?  
Indeed they have;

for *'Their voice has gone out to all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the world.'*

Again I ask, did Israel not understand?

First Moses says,

*'I'll make you jealous of those who are not a nation;  
with a foolish nation I will make you angry.'*

Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,

*'I've been found by those who did not seek me;*

*I've shown myself to those who did not ask for me.'*

But of Israel he says,

*'All day long I have held out my hands  
to a disobedient and contrary people.'*

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## **SHORT ADDRESS**

### **HYMN: Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders**

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/iBQ-ql7Xbv8>

Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders  
unmistakable and clear;  
mighty signs to prove your presence,  
overcoming doubt and fear.  
O Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders.

Lord, you sometimes speak in whispers,  
still and small and scarcely heard;  
only those who want to listen  
catch the all-important word.  
O Lord, you sometimes speak in whispers.

Lord, you sometimes speak in silence,  
through our loud and noisy day:  
we can know and trust you better  
when we quietly wait and pray.  
O Lord, you sometimes speak in silence.

Lord, you often speak in Scripture:  
words that summon from the page,  
shown and taught us by your Spirit  
with fresh light for every age.  
O Lord, you often speak in Scripture:

Lord, you always speak in Jesus,  
always new yet still the same;  
teach us now more of our Saviour;  
make our lives display his Name.  
O Lord, you always speak in Jesus.

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## **PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES**

Father God,

without you we can do nothing;

but with your grace and power

we can accomplish what you send us to do.

We pray for a fresh realisation of our calling to be your people.

May the life of Christ be lived out in us and among us.

We pray for the churches in Penicuik

as we plan together for the future.

Guide us and direct us as we meet this week.

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

Give us, we pray, such respect for each other and for your creation,  
that we might learn to take proper responsibility

for the resources we share and the world we inhabit.

Give us a fresh understanding of our impact on the natural world

and a fresh resolve to do something about it,

both personally and through our governments.

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

We bring to you those we know

who are suffering with prolonged illness,

debilitating pain and emotional distress.

Bring relief and healing to them,

and the courage to live through this dark time,

and the inner strength which only you can give.

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

Father, we thank you for making yourself known

in the person of Jesus

and through the witness of your Spirit;

through Jesus we make our prayers to you

In the words that he taught his disciples:

**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 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/9ZrIP7Dl2vs>

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast':

I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live'.

I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright'.

I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.

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## THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face towards you  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Numbers 6: 24-26*

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**Next week: 1 Samuel 8: 'We want a king!'**\*

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