

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



Sunday 14th November 2020

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 <https://youtu.be/l6fzwXcShao> 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: Poppy Scotland - Never forgetting. Always supporting

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNkFYvRHwFA>

HYMN: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Watch video at https://youtu.be/iuLmDye_5ys

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him!
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) (Based on Psalm 103); Sung at Paisley Abbey

CALL TO PRAYER (*from Matthew 5:9*)

Leader: Jesus said: Blessed are the peacemakers.

Congregation: **They will be called the children of God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
we come this day
to remember and learn:
to remember the lessons of the past:
the cost of war,
the price of peace,
the scope of human depravity,
the extent of human self-sacrifice.

Leader: **For our share in the world's continuing pain,**

Congregation: **Lord, forgive us and renew us.**

We are reminded today
of how easy it is to speak of peace,
and how difficult it is to pursue it;
how straightforward it sounds
to talk of breaking down barriers
yet how demanding it is
every day to live as peacemakers.
Yet we are reminded also
that this is what you want from us:
to live in such a way
that we heal wounds
rather than create them,
that we unite rather than divide,
that we reconcile rather than separate.

Leader: **For our share in the world's continuing pain,**

Congregation: **Lord, forgive us and renew us.**

We confess the things within us
which make for conflict:
our pride, our greed
our envy of others,
our intolerance,
our nursing of petty grievances,
our unwillingness to forgive,
our preoccupation with self
and our lack of time for other people.

Leader: For our share in the world's continuing pain,

Congregation: Lord, forgive us and renew us.

Almighty God

we thank you that you loved the people of this world
and that is why you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who has faith in Jesus
would have eternal life and never really die.

Forgive us our offences against you
and put your Holy Spirit within us,
that the peace that we pray for
might begin here and now in our hearts,
and that we might be instruments of your peace,
bringing healing in our broken and divided world,
We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Based on prayers by Nick Fawcett.

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE *(Please stand, if you are able.)*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
we will remember them.

Congregation: We will remember them.

LAST POST AND LAMENT

TWO MINUTES' SILENCE

REVEILLE

HYMN: God is our strength and refuge (Psalm 46)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/Cfv1NFz4e6U>

God is our strength and refuge, a helper ever near.

While resting in His shelter, no evil will we fear—
Not if the mountains crumble into the angry sea,
Nor if the surging ocean exceeds its boundary.

A quiet stream refreshes the city of our God;
His throne stands unaffected while kingdoms rise and fall.
One word from Jacob's Saviour will melt the raging throng.
The Lord of Hosts is with us; He is our fortress strong.

Behold God's glorious power: He makes all warfare cease.
Each weapon He will shatter; the world will be at peace.
"Be still!" cries Heaven's Sovereign, "Be still, for I am God!
All kingdoms—all creation—will bow beneath my rod."

The violent sea turned placid when Jesus cried, "Be still!"
Fears gone, twelve men stood gasping when waves obeyed His will.
And soon the same voice speaking will calm earth's rebel storm.
This Lord of hosts is with us both now and evermore!

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James 3: 7-18 Common English Bible

Read by Gordon MacDonald

People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish. No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God's likeness. Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn't be this way!

Both fresh water and salt water don't come from the same spring, do they? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives?

Can a grapevine produce figs? Of course not, and fresh water doesn't flow from a saltwater spring either.

Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

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MEDITATIVE SONG: As the memories echo down the ages

Watch video <https://youtu.be/rRJ1KVYGp0g>

As the memories echo down the ages,
scenes of bodies mired in Flanders mud,
wasted lives of long-lost sons and sweethearts,
left behind mid poppies red as blood.

While at home, their family life disrupted,
women toiled in unimagined roles,
as the silent zeppelins brought carnage
and again the passing bell was tolled.

As the memories echo down the ages,
of a kingdom occupied by Rome:
foreign forces, pagan domination,
those who longed for God to bring shalom.
See, he comes to challenge all injustice,
fight oppression, selfishness and greed,
with his call to reconciliation:
Prince of Peace, who cares for all in need.

As the memories echo down the ages,
powerful empires, locked in bitter feud:
may we turn our backs on war and conflict,
so your peaceful Kingdom can break through.
Help us tame our fallen human nature,
and control our cruel and selfish spite,
turn to Christ and value every stranger,
changing lives to bring forth peace and light.

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Mark 12:13-17

New English Translation

Read by Gordon MacDonald

Then they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to trap him with his own words. When they came they said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are truthful and do not court anyone’s favour, because you show no partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn’t we?”

But he saw through their hypocrisy and said to them, “Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.”

So they brought one, and he said to them, “Whose image is this, and whose inscription?”

They replied, “Caesar’s.”

Then Jesus said to them, “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

And they were utterly amazed at him.

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SHORT ADDRESS

PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

Led by the Revd Nick Bowry, Rector, St James the Less

Ever-living God,
today we remember those
whom you have gathered
from the noise and storm of war
into the peace of your eternal presence.

May that same Spirit of Peace
fall on us and all who remember this day;
particularly those whose remembering
brings back memories of personal loss.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May that same Spirit of Peace
fall on those who live in countries torn apart
by violence and war; and
fall on those who believe violence and war
is the answer to their question.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May that same Spirit of Peace
fall gently on those whose lives have been traumatised by war,
who carry the mental scars,
who carry the physical scars,
who yearn for healing.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May that same Spirit of Peace
be carried forward and spread across your world
by peacemakers
by peacekeepers
by non-violent protesters and activists.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May that same Spirit of Peace
fall on all your people,

that we may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
that we may be strengthened by your light,
to be Christ's presence and peace in our world.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen.**

And we pray the prayer our Lord and saviour 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: You came to raise the last and least

Watch video <https://youtu.be/Pv62BHUp4nw>

You came to raise the last and least,
to set the long-held captive free,
to fill the hungry with a feast,
and give the poor their dignity.
You let the silenced voices speak,
and helped the lowly sing their song,
embraced the outcast, blessed the meek,
revealed a world where all belong.
You showed your strength in stooping low
and humbly washing dusty feet,
forsaking heav'n for earth, to show
how power can choose to leave its seat.
Teach us this same humility,
renew our hearts that we might learn
how we can set each other free
from tables you would overturn.

You brought the news of kingdom come,
a feast where all are found and fed,
where no-one needs the fallen crumb,
for all will share the living bread:
a kingdom where division ends,
where first and last can sit and eat:
when all are one, you call us friends,
your work of love at last complete.

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (verse 1)

Sound only: <https://youtu.be/KVvh-XdG20s?list=RDD3dR7u7TPNo>

God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen;
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen!

THE BLESSING

Go out from here thankful to those
who have given up their lives for us in war;
and go out more determined to live a life of love,
to seek peace and pursue it.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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Next week:
Christ the King
(Preacher: The Rev Peter Wood.
Service led by the Rev John Urquhart.)