

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



JANUARY 16th, 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, follow <https://youtu.be/5LPn3PG0qg0> 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: As we are gathered

Watch video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_Phi2x_1Lo

As we are gathered Jesus is here;

One with each other, Jesus is here.

Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,

Part of the body, the church of God.

As we are gathered Jesus is here,

One with each other, Jesus is here.

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Recording: John and Mairi Bowlerwell from Dunfermline East Church

WELCOME (David Hogg)

Good morning, and welcome to our service.

John can't be with us this morning: he's still recovering from Covid and I'd ask you to remember him and Rebeca in your prayers.

I'd like to begin by thanking John for giving me the opportunity to preach this morning - in particular for his trusting me to contribute to his series of sermons on David's life. Not every minister would be as trusting!

OPENING RESPONSES (Joan Cape)

Open us up, God:

for all you have for us today.

Open our eyes, God:

to see you reflected in every human face.

Open our hearts, God:

to feel your compassion for this broken world.

Open our ears, God:

to hear the whisper of your Spirit and the wisdom of your Word.

Open our hands, God:

this is your ministry, your Kingdom, your power, your glory.

Open our lips, God:

That our mouths may sing out your praise.

With thanks to Sam Hargreaves resoundworship.org

HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/rCnQNwQG5GI>

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

All you who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join in profound adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning;
keeping us safe at his side and so gently sustaining.

Have you not seen all you have needed has been
met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us!

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend us.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the "Amen!" sound from his people again,
now as we worship before him!

Words: after Joachim Neander, Catherine Winkworth & others (public domain)

Sung in St Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral, Glasgow

PRAYER (Joan Cape)

God, our King and our creator:

we thank you for this opportunity to come together, whether in person, or from our own homes, bringing you our offering of praise.

Already, just at the start of another year, the days are beginning to lengthen, and the signs of spring are around us: bulbs poking their heads up through the still cold soil, early buds gradually appearing: for these little signs of hope, reminding us, if we need reminding, that the dark days of winter don't last forever, we thank you. Just as you have sustained us and kept us safe through these past months, so you will enable

and empower us in the months ahead. We don't know what the future holds, but we know that you have a plan for us, and that you are in control.

Gracious God, we thank you for your never failing love and mercy, and ask your forgiveness for the times when we doubt you, question what you ask of us, or simply don't listen to you, or even take time to seek your guidance.

Help us, Lord, to keep you always in the centre of our thoughts and deeds.

Lord, we ask you now to accept our praise offering, and to enable us to have a real sense of worship, an awareness that we stand indeed in your presence.

And now let's pray together

the prayer that your Son and our Saviour taught us to say:

**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.**

THE STORY SO FAR (David Hogg)

We've come a long way with David. We've witnessed his secret anointing as king by the prophet Samuel; his killing of Goliath in single combat; his conflict with a furiously jealous King Saul; his flight from Saul's court and alignment with the Philistines; his anointing as Saul's successor and subsequent conflicts with Saul's army.

Now, as a fierce feud ends with death of Abner and Ish Bosheth, David is on the cusp of greatness and glory. We join him as the anointed king over a united kingdom - albeit a fragile one.

BIBLE READINGS

2 Samuel 5: 6-13, 15-25 NIV (Janis Hogg)

The king and his men marched to Jerusalem to attack the Jebusites, who lived there. The Jebusites said to David, "You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off." They thought, "David cannot get in here."⁷ Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion—which is the City of David.

On that day David had said, "Anyone who conquers the Jebusites will have to use the water shaft to reach those 'lame and blind' who are David's enemies." That is why they say, "The 'blind and lame' will not enter the palace."

David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the terraces inward. And he became more and more powerful, because the Lord God Almighty was with him.

Now Hiram king of Tyre sent envoys to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David. ¹² Then David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

After he left Hebron, David took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem, and more sons and daughters were born to him.

When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they went up in full force to search for him, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold. Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; so David inquired of the Lord, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?"

The Lord answered him, "Go, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into your hands." So David went to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, "As waters break out, the Lord has broken out against my enemies before me." So that place was called Baal Perazim. The Philistines abandoned their idols there, and David and his men carried them off.

Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; so David inquired of the Lord, and he answered, "Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the poplar trees. As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the poplar trees, move quickly, because that will mean the Lord has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army." So David did as the Lord commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.

Mark 6:1-13 NIV (Fiona Hutcheson)

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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HYMN: SONG: Faithful One, so unchanging

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

Faithful one, so unchanging.
Ageless one, you're my rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on you.
I call out to you, again and again;
I call out to you, again and again.
You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm
Your love is the anchor.
My hope is in You alone.

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SERMON (David Hogg)

HYMN: The Lord's my Shepherd (Psalm 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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PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES (Bill and Margaret Webster)

Father God,

Thank you for the determination and courage shown by people like King David; for their willingness to trust you and step out in faith despite having no guarantees as to what the future might hold. Speak to us through their example and through your word so that when decisions have to be made, we will be ready to make them and equipped to choose the right path.

At this time we particularly pray for your guidance and wisdom

as Penicuik South/Howgate and St Mungo's come together to form

a new congregation. You have called us to be your Church – all of us.

Sharing the same faith, serving the same Lord and worshipping the same God.

Your desire is that we should be one, witnessing to the wonder of your love through the love we have for one another. So help us to hear your word, to respond to your Spirit, to show your love and to become the people you want us to be here in Penicuik.

We also think of your Church worldwide. We pray that in difficult and dangerous situations, you will strengthen them in their faith and bless them with opportunities to spread your love and hope. And in countries like our own, where the Church was once central but no longer plays a part in most people's lives, help us to find ways of showing your love and sharing our faith.

Heavenly Father – there are so many places in your world where people are suffering. Today we especially lift up to you the people of Afghanistan, where half the population is destitute and on the verge of starvation. We ask that the international community will respond to their situation, and provide the basic necessities that they can't access for themselves – things like food, water, medicines and shelter.

Father, we pray to you for all who are affected by coronavirus. Please give your healing and peace to everyone who is ill, particularly if they have long covid, and to others who are worried that they will become ill. And we pray for your protection and healing for the many people suffering from serious conditions whose treatment has been delayed because of the pandemic. And, loving Father, please give your comfort and hope to the many people who have been bereaved – for whatever reason – or who are long-term patients in hospital. And we pray for anyone who has been separated from loved ones through illness or other circumstances or has had to give up their home or has lost their job. Be close to them and re-assure them of your never-ending, personal love.

We take a moment now to pray silently for those we know personally who are in particular need of your love

Father God, as we bring our prayers to you, receive our gifts of money and use them to carry out the mission of your Church. Help us to place our lives in your hands and to be ready to be used by you anywhere, any time and with anyone.

And all God's people said: **Amen**

HYMN: All hail the power of Jesus name

Watch video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WVSYGGBfi8>

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall,

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him,

crown Him, crown Him,

crown Him,

And crown Him Lord of all.

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Ye ransomed from the fall;

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him,

crown Him, crown Him,

crown Him,

And crown Him Lord of all.

3. Let every kindred, ev'ry tribe

On this terrestrial ball,

On this terrestrial ball;

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him,

crown Him, crown Him,

crown Him,

And crown Him Lord of all.

4. O that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall,

We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him,

crown Him, crown Him,

crown Him,

And crown Him Lord of all.

THE BLESSING (David Hogg)

Now go in peace,

go with love in your hearts.

And the blessing of God the Father,

God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit

rest on us and remain with us always. **Amen**

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**Next Sunday 23rd January
11am in St Mungo's
Continuing in 2 Samuel**