

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



THE NATIVITY SERVICE Sunday 19th December 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 unending 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/JZUiGhDpdhI>
Or visit website: www.stmungos.freeuk.com . If you would like to listen to just the nativity sermon and prayers, dial **01968 700121**. There will be about 20 seconds' silence, after which the recording should start.**

INTROIT: In the beginning was the Word

Watch video <https://youtu.be/UnG6YQeDbao>

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was God
and the Word was with God.

And everything that has been made
has been made through him,
nothing made without him.

In him was life,
that life was light for everyone.
The darkness tries,
but the light will not be overcome.

The light that shines for everyone
has come into the world.

The light of Christ the only Son
has come into the world.

(repeat line)

He made his dwelling in the world
as the Word made flesh,
and we've seen his glory.

And in the sending of the Son,
grace and truth have come
through the one and only.

WELCOME to our nativity service today. Let's worship God.

HYMN: Joy to the world

Watch video <https://youtu.be/FLURukXoht8>

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Your sweetest songs employ,
while fields and streams, and hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
the wonders of his love, the wonders of his love,
the wonders, wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), Video: © Sam, Sara & Theo Hargreaves for engageworship; brass: Dan Warwick

PRAYER

God our Father,
we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us
as we tell again the story of your Son's coming into the world.

Help us, who are often so busy, to take time to listen
how Jesus came to save his people from their sins.

Help us who are often anxious
to hear of your message of peace
and how you say to us: 'Do not be afraid.'

Help us whose hearts are often heavy
to seek the joy of your presence
the truth of God with us.

Rescue us from our sins against you
and bring us back to you.

through our Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

VIDEO: Jesus, the Light

Watch video <https://youtu.be/JZUiGhDpdhi?t=7m37s>

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

The first letter from John says:

‘This is how God showed his love to us:

He sent his one and only Son into the world
so that we could have life through him.’

(1 John 4:9)

Let’s pray.

Father, give us confidence in your love for us.

We thank you for sending Jesus into the world
so that we might know your grace and truth.

We remember Jesus’ words:

‘Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.’

We thank you that we too can share in the joy of the angels
by seeing and knowing what otherwise would be invisible to us.

Help us to step into your light in Jesus. **Amen**

Based on words by Sadhu Sundar Singh

LUKE 2: 8-20 (New English Translation)

Read by David Hogg

Now there were shepherds nearby living out in the field, keeping guard over their flock at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were absolutely terrified.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, for I proclaim to you good news that brings great joy to all the people: Today your Saviour is born in the city of David. He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a vast, heavenly army appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among people with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels left them and went back to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, that the Lord has made known to us.”

So they hurried off and located Mary and Joseph, and found the baby lying in a manger. When they saw him, they related what they had been told about this child, and all who heard it were astonished at what the shepherds said. But Mary treasured up all these words, pondering in her heart what they might mean.

So the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; everything was just as they had been told.

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HYMN: It was on a starry night

Watch video <https://youtu.be/2xytgbqOr6s>

It was on a starry night when the hills were bright,
Earth lay sleeping, sleeping calm and still.
Then in a cattle-shed, in a manger-bed,
a boy was born, king of all the world.

*And all the angels sang for him,
the bells of heaven rang for him
for a boy was born, king of all the world.*

*And all the angels sang for him,
the bells of heaven rang for him,
for a boy was born, king of all the world.*

Soon the shepherds came that way, where the baby lay,
and were kneeling, kneeling by his side.
And their hearts believed again for the peace of men,
for a boy was born, king of all the world.

And all the angels sang for him....

*Words & Music: Joy Webb © Salvationist Publishing & Supplies Ltd.
Sung by the Salvation Army Liverpool Walton*

VIDEO: The Shepherd and the Army Officer (from *The Davidson File* by SB Jackman)

HYMN: Love Shone Down (I had a dream)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/XbqyAX5JKCs>

I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside,
and all the lights of town were shining far below,
when up in the air beautiful voices:
sing a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh, and Love shone down over the hills and over the valleys.
Oh, and Love shone down over the world.*

Somebody spoke to me, I knew it was an angel.
He said: 'There's something that I think you ought to know.'
Then he just smiled, said: 'Don't be afraid now;
sing a new song, let everyone know.'

Oh, and Love shone down...

And then he told me all about the baby Jesus,
how to find him, where exactly I should go.
Then he was joined by millions of others:
sing a new song, let everyone know.

Oh, and Love shone down...

Well, did I dream or was I really on that hillside,
on that Christmas night so very long ago?
When he was born, Jesus our Saviour:
sing a new song, let everyone know.

Oh, and Love shone down...

Words & Music: Andy Piercy & C.S. de Whalley; Sung by the NMCGB singers & children's choir

Piano & programming: Matt Beckingham; Alto Sax: Hayley Head; Bass: Simon Kennard

Guitars: Chris Dyer; Produced & edited: Matt Beckingham; Audio mastering: Ian Dyer

JOHN 1: 14-18 (New English Translation)

Read by Janis Hogg

Now the Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We saw his glory—the glory of the one and only, full of grace and truth, who came from the Father.

John testified about him and shouted out, “This one was the one about whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is greater than I am, because he existed before me.’”

For we have all received from his fullness one gracious gift after another. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came about through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God. The only one, himself God, who is in closest fellowship with the Father, has made God known.

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SHORT ADDRESS

PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

Father God, come to those in deepest despair,
and bring them your compassion.

Come to those who find themselves amid conflict
and bring them your consolation and hope.

Come to those who are in sorrow
and bring them in time to know your joy.

We pray this in the name of your Holy Child, Jesus the Messiah,
and in the words 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: Once in royal David's city

Watch video <https://youtu.be/ECjo2ZQa4P4>

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle-shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above:
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895); Music: HJ Gauntlett; Descant: David Willcocks
Sung by a virtual choir of members and friends of Ferryhill Parish Church*

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:

Christmas Eve: All-age Gathering - 6.30pm and Watchnight - 11.30pm

Christmas Morning: Celebration - 11am

Sunday 26 Dec - Carols for Christmas - 11am