

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



**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 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. Full video <https://youtu.be/PeXHeiqCsS0>**

**If you want to join in the whole service, follow the link which you'll find on our 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.**

**WELCOME** to St Mungo's. We're glad you can join us.

Today we are celebrating Holy Communion.

If you are joining us from home and would like to put aside some bread and wine (or something which would represent them), please retain them until the appropriate part of the service and consume them reverently and thankfully.

If you would rather not participate, you are equally welcome to listen and enjoy spiritual communion with Christ and 'feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving'.

**HYMN: Crown him with many crowns**

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/RNb-lxQRXhA?t=14m01s>

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways,  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time--  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime!  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

*Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and: Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)*  
*Sung in the Albert Hall for BBC Songs of Praise*

## **PRAYER**

Loving Father,  
we ask your forgiveness  
for so often being more concerned with the outside  
than the inside—  
for taking pride in external appearances  
while neglecting our inner selves,  
for putting on a good show  
with nothing behind it,  
for seeming virtuous on the surface  
while being full of ugliness underneath.

**Father God, hear our prayer.**

Help us to realise that beauty is more than skin-deep,  
that faith is more than simply appearance,  
that serving you is more than looking the part.

**Father God, hear our prayer.**

Help us to understand that you see us as we really are  
rather than as we like to imagine,  
that you see behind the masks we wear for the world  
into our innermost selves,  
that nothing can be hidden from your gaze.

**Father God, hear our prayer.**

Loving Father,  
We thank you that you know this about us  
and you want to come in and change how we are.  
That's why you sent Jesus to us.  
Cleanse our hearts, transform our minds,  
renew our spirits  
and help us to walk with Christ.

**Father God, hear our prayer.**

Clothe us with joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control,  
and, above all, love.

So lead us, through your Holy Spirit,  
in the way of salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Based on a prayer by Nick Fawcett*

## THE STORY SO FAR

David has escaped several times from the jealous anger of King Saul, who has been trying to kill him. Two of Saul's adult children, Jonathan and Michal, intervene to protect David, and then David's defender is finally revealed to be the Spirit of God. Last week, we left King Saul helpless and unable to move, with his royal robes cast off and prophesying under the influence of the Spirit of God near Ramah.

Jonathan, who had earlier secured a solemn promise from his father that Saul wouldn't try to put David to death, has difficulty believing that Saul has reneged on the promise. David swears to him that it's true and so Jonathan launches a plan of deception to test his father's feelings towards David [and to let David know about it in secret afterwards](#).

Jonathan before he goes back to Saul's court, blesses David with these poignant words: "May the Lord be with you, as he was with my father." He asks that David, when the Lord has defeated all his enemies, will show kindness to him, if he's still alive, and to his family, if he's not.

After David's seat is still empty two days into the court's monthly celebration, Saul quizzes Jonathan about David's whereabouts. He is furious with Jonathan's attempt to deceive him, and after cursing him roundly before the whole court, shouts at him: "As long as Jesse's son lives, you'll never be king or have a kingdom. Now send for him and bring him to me. For he's as good as dead!"

Jonathan persists in defending David, so Saul, who always has a spear close by him, throws it at his son, intending to kill him, but misses again. Jonathan leaves the table in an angry mood, and the next day secretly conveys the message to David that he is in danger from the king. [David flees Gibeah again](#).

## BIBLE READINGS

**1 Samuel 21: 1-15 - 22: 1-5 (NET Bible)**

**Reader: Gordon MacDonald**

David went to Ahimelech the priest in Nob. Ahimelech was shaking with fear when he met David, and said to him, “Why are you by yourself with no one accompanying you?” David replied to Ahimelech the priest, “The king instructed me to do something, but he said to me, ‘Don’t let anyone know the reason I am sending you or the instructions I have given you.’ I have told my soldiers to wait at a certain place. Now what do you have at your disposal? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever can be found.”

The priest replied to David, “I don’t have any ordinary bread at my disposal. Only holy bread is available, and then only if your soldiers have abstained from relations with women.” David said to the priest, “Certainly women have been kept away from us, just as on previous occasions when I have set out. The soldiers’ equipment is holy, even on an ordinary journey. How much more so will they be holy today, along with their equipment!”

So the priest gave him holy bread, for there was no bread there other than the Bread of the Presence. It had been removed from before the Lord in order to replace it with hot bread on the day it had been taken away. (One of Saul’s servants was there that day, detained before the Lord. His name was Doeg the Edomite, who was in charge of Saul’s shepherds.) David said to Ahimelech, “Is there no sword or spear here at your disposal? I don’t have my own sword or equipment in hand due to the urgency of the king’s instructions.”

The priest replied, “The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck down in the valley of Elah, is wrapped in a garment behind the ephod. If you wish, take it for yourself. Other than that one, there’s no sword here.” David said, “There’s nothing like it. Give it to me.”

So on that day David arose and fled from Saul. He went to King Achish of Gath. The servants of Achish said to him, “Isn’t this David, the king of the land? Isn’t he the one that they sing about when they dance, saying,

*‘Saul struck down his thousands,  
but David his tens of thousands?’”*

David thought about what they said and was very afraid of King Achish of Gath. He altered his behaviour in their presence. Since he was in their power, he pretended to be insane, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting his saliva run down his beard.

Achish said to his servants, “Look at this madman! Why did you bring him to me? Do I have a shortage of fools so that you have brought me this man to display his insanity in front of me? Should this man enter my house?”

So David left there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and the rest of his father’s family learned about it, they went down there to him. All those who

were in trouble or owed someone money or were discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader. He had about 400 men with him.

Then David went from there to Mizpah in Moab, where he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and mother stay with you until I know what God is going to do for me." So he had them stay with the king of Moab; they stayed with him the whole time that David was in the stronghold. Then Gad the prophet said to David, "Don't stay in the stronghold. Go to the land of Judah." So David left and went to the forest of Hereth.

### **Luke 6:1-5 (NET Bible)**

**Reader: Christine Jackson**

Jesus was going through the grain fields on a Sabbath, and his disciples picked some heads of wheat, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them.

But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is against the law on the Sabbath?"

Jesus answered them, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry— how he entered the house of God, took and ate the sacred bread, which is not lawful for any to eat but the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?"

Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

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### **SHORT ADDRESS**

#### **HYMN: Grace Awaiting Me**

Watch video [https://youtu.be/hNK\\_VoCadSo](https://youtu.be/hNK_VoCadSo)

I will see the world to come,  
for one has suffered in my place.  
Now there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me.  
Judgement's done, atonement's made,  
the ransom's paid, no guilt remains.  
Now there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me.

*Grace, a welcome from the Father;  
Grace, forgiveness full and free:  
Grace, that's greater than our failings.  
Oh, there is grace awaiting me.*

I take comfort in the hope  
of the thief upon the cross,  
for I am worthy of as little love as he.  
Like this man, I won't despair,  
for life's ahead: what joy we'll share!  
Now there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me.

*Grace, a welcome from the Father....*

Jesus, you have loved and bought me:  
by your death my debts are paid.  
I am yours, I stand beside you;  
fearless, face the coming day.

I will see the world to come,  
despite the sin that I have done,  
for there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me.  
All who call upon the Lord  
will rise to life with peace assured,  
for there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me.

*Grace, a welcome from the Father;*  
*Grace, forgiveness full and free:*  
*Grace, that's greater than our failings.*  
*Oh, there is grace awaiting me.*

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## **HOLY COMMUNION: THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **INVITATION**

Male or female, young or old,  
friend or stranger, weak or bold,  
sure or doubting, happy or sad,  
strong or fragile, good or bad,  
free from worry, burdened by care,  
in pleasure or pain, in hope or despair,  
come to this table where divisions are ended,  
bring all the labels that keep us apart,  
come to this place where such things are transcended,  
find a new purpose spring deep in your heart.

Offer to Jesus your love and commitment,  
offer to God your thanksgiving and praise,  
receive the gift he longs to give you—  
joy to last you all your days.

Christ is waiting here to meet us,  
ready now to lead us forward,  
give to him your heartfelt worship,  
suffering servant, risen Lord.

*Invitation from Nick Fawcett. Prayers for all seasons*

## **FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE AND COMMAND**

So now we do as Jesus did

and commanded us to do.

We take this bread and wine

(the ordinary things of the world)

which Christ, in his own way, will make special,

and as he prayed before sharing, let us pray:

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God,

we're reminded at this table of how much you love us,

how far you were prepared to go on our behalf,

how total a sacrifice you made in Christ.

We come to celebrate the extent of your love

in taking on human flesh,

how you went the whole way

in surrendering your only Son,

enduring death and agony on the cross.

Remind us once more

through the bread and the wine we'll share,

the words we'll hear and the prayers we'll make,

of all you've done and all you've given.

Help us in return to give our all to you.

So, send now your Spirit among us

and on this bread and wine,

that we may taste and see your goodness,

be embraced by your love,

and be engaged in your service

until Christ comes again.

Let's join together in the family prayer of the Church:

**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 SHARING

As Jesus did, so we do.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*(the bread is broken)*

We take this wine to share in the Blood of Christ.

*(the cup is raised)*

We believe that he who lived,  
died and rose again for us  
will meet us here.

Jesus said: 'This is my body. It's given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

*(we eat the bread)*

Jesus said: 'This cup is the new relationship with God  
made possible because of my death.

Drink it, all of you, to remember me.'

*(we drink the cup)*

## THE PEACE *(using British Sign Language)*

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

## HYMN: Your grace will never be forgot

Watch video

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xTLLybvJ8UNaQFdwkApJKWN14AIPXIIQ/view?usp=sharing>

Your grace will never be forgot,  
your mercy all my life  
will be my source for every song,  
my story and my light.

From mountain-top, to valley-low,  
through laughter and through tears,  
surely the goodness of my God  
will follow all the years.

*For all that you have done for us,  
for every battle won,  
we'll raise a song to bless your heart  
for all that you have done.*

You know our failures and regrets.  
You always led us home.  
Redemption's arm has raised us up:  
our triumph in the storm.

In unity we'll stand as one,  
as family we'll go,  
shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand,  
into the great unknown

*For all that you have done for us....*



Let all the people say 'Amen'  
in every tribe and tongue.  
Let every heart's desire be joined  
to see the Kingdom come.

*For all that you have done for us....*

For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory.

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*Sung by Mairi Bowlerwell, accompanied by John Bowlerwell, Dunfermline East Church of Scotland*

### **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 (June 27<sup>th</sup>)**

**Fiona Devoy - The power of paranoia**