

**Welcome** to Penicuik South & Howgate and Penicuik St Mungo's online.



**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 20th, 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 unending love.

From today, we are doing things slightly differently: only part of our service will be recorded for Youtube.

This order of service, which includes much more of the service, is for you to use as you find helpful: some of you may wish simply to read it, whether silently or aloud. However, if you want to hear the songs (and join in!) just follow the links provided.

If you want to join in the whole service, follow link <https://youtu.be/i6t2ejnsVX8> which you'll find (on our soon to be changing) website: [www.stmungos.freeuk.com](http://www.stmungos.freeuk.com) .

**OPENING MUSIC: Have mercy on me, O God (Psalm 51)**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/0LxJ52urGB8>

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according to your unending love;  
according to your great compassion,  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash away all my iniquity  
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and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy,  
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## **WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to our service. Our call to worship is based on words from Psalm 51.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

**All: and our mouths will declare your praise.**

Leader: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

**All: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Let's worship God.

## **SONG: Spirit of God, you know my inmost being**

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

Spirit of God, you know my inmost being;

all of my life is open to your sight;

help me to take to heart your probing counsel;

help me to yield to love's all-searching light.

My love, I know, is rarely what it should be;

my joy is all too shallow at its best;

my peace is fragile as a flower's petals;

my patience crumbles at the slightest test;

Self-interest haunts my kindness and my goodness;

seldom is true integrity my goal;

I lack my humble, gentle Lord's demeanour;

old habits undermine my self-control.

Spirit of God, beyond the flaws and failures

you know the person Christ would have me be.

Come, plough and prune, and make me fit for service;

come, plant and nurture your good fruit in me.

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*Video from <https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/spirit-of-god-you-know-my-inmost-being>*

## **PRAYER**

God our Father,

we thank you that you are our shelter and strength,

always ready to help in times of trouble.

Because of the relationship with you made possible in Jesus,

we can come to you for help and strength,

we can come to you for wisdom and support

and to know your peace that defies understanding

in the most trying of circumstances.

And, when we need it, we can come to you for forgiveness,

for you promise forgiveness to all who admit their need of it

and turning from wrong and to you,

trust the promises made in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord, help us all to turn towards you

in our troubles and temptations and not away from you.

Help us not to harden our hearts in the bitterness of difficulty.

Give us trusting hearts;

help us to encourage and support each other in this life of faith;

to rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep;

to pray for each other and show practical love and support

We remember Jesus was tempted in all points as we are but did not sin,

and when we feel our own weakness and failures, help us.

When we are tempted to do wrong

because it seems attractive or desirable,

help us not harden our hearts,

by becoming captive to the deceitfulness of sin.

Help us to hold firmly till the end our conviction

that truth and mercy, salvation and strength are to be found in Christ,

who endured the cross to bring eternal salvation to all who believe.

Bless each of us today in this service with something from you. **Amen.**

### **SONG: Purify my heart**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/FBvRf74DnP8>

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver;

purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy,*

*set apart for you, Lord;*

*I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my Master,*

*ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy;

purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire...*

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### **INTRODUCTION TO THE READING**

#### **BIBLE READINGS**

**Reader: David Hogg**

#### **2 SAMUEL 11: 1-5; 14-15, 26-27; 12: 1-13 (CEB)**

In the spring, when kings go off to war, David sent Joab, along with his servants and all the Israelites, and they destroyed the Ammonites, attacking the city of Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

One evening, David got up from his couch and was pacing back and forth on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful.

David sent someone and inquired about the woman. The report came back: "Isn't this

Eliam's daughter Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" So David sent messengers to take her. When she came to him, he had sex with her. (Now she had been purifying herself after her monthly period.) Then she returned home. The woman conceived and sent word to David.

"I'm pregnant," she said.

[14] The next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. He wrote in the letter, "Place Uriah at the front of the fiercest battle, and then pull back from him so that he will be struck down and die."

[26] When Uriah's wife heard that her husband Uriah was dead, she mourned for her husband. After the time of mourning was over, David sent for her and brought her back to his house. She became his wife and bore him a son.

But what David had done was evil in the Lord's eyes.

[12: 1] So the Lord sent Nathan to David. When Nathan arrived he said, "There were two men in the same city, one rich, one poor. The rich man had a lot of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing—just one small ewe lamb that he had bought. He raised that lamb, and it grew up with him and his children. It would eat from his food and drink from his cup—even sleep in his arms! It was like a daughter to him.

"Now a traveller came to visit the rich man, but he wasn't willing to take anything from his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had arrived. Instead, he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the visitor."

David got very angry at the man, and he said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the one who did this is demonic! He must restore the ewe lamb seven times over because he did this and because he had no compassion."

"You are that man!" Nathan told David. "This is what the Lord God of Israel says: I anointed you king over Israel and delivered you from Saul's power. I gave your master's house to you, and gave his wives into your embrace. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. If that was too little, I would have given even more. Why have you despised the Lord's word by doing what is evil in his eyes? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and taken his wife as your own. You used the Ammonites to kill him. Because of that, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite as your own, the sword will never leave your own house.

"This is what the Lord says: I am making trouble come against you from inside your own family. Before your very eyes I will take your wives away and give them to your friend, and he will have sex with your wives in broad daylight. You did what you did secretly, but I will do what I am doing before all Israel in the light of day."

"I've sinned against the Lord!" David said to Nathan.

"The Lord has removed your sin," Nathan replied to David. "You won't die.

## James 5: 19-20 (CEB)

Reader: Janis Hogg

My brothers and sisters, if any of you wander from the truth and someone turns back the wanderer, recognize that whoever brings a sinner back from the wrong path will save them from death and will bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

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## **SHORT ADDRESS**

### **SONG: O for a heart to praise my God**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/59tHsS-ulVI>

O for a heart to praise my God,  
a heart from sin set free;  
a heart that's sprinkled with the blood  
so freely shed for me:

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,  
my great Redeemer's throne;  
where only Christ is heard to speak,  
where Jesus reigns alone:

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,  
believing, true, and clean,  
which neither life nor death can part  
from Christ who dwells within:

A heart in every thought renewed,  
and full of love divine;

perfect and right and pure and good —  
a copy, Lord, of thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,  
come quickly from above;  
write thy new name upon my heart,  
thy new best name of Love.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Sung at Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church, Singapore

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

**Read by Joyce Maclean  
(in church only)**

**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.**

## **SONG: And can it be...?**

Watch video [https://youtu.be/cZ-qQWFaL\\_Y](https://youtu.be/cZ-qQWFaL_Y)

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love Divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.  
He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;

For, O my God, it found out me.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
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No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness Divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
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Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Artist: Stuart Townend; Video made by Chet Valley Churches

### **THE BLESSING**

May the blessing of God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

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**Next week: Sunday 27 March**

**Theme - Two lost sons (Luke 15)**

**The service will also include Holy Communion**