

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



CHRIST THE KING

Sunday 21st November 2021

This act of worship has been prepared to allow us to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it.

Today we are meeting jointly with the people of the South Kirk and Howgate.

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/f-46Hfp522A> which you'll 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: Jesus shall take the highest honour

Watch video <https://drive.google.com/file/d/115rdCFkP-jwSKmSKcJNYD5vY3yJtCkCZ/view?usp=sharing>

Jesus shall take the highest honour,
Jesus shall take the highest praise,
Let all earth join heaven in exalting
the name which is above all other names.

Let's bow the knee in humble adoration,
for at his name every knee must bow;
let every tongue confess he is Christ, God's only Son.
Sovereign Lord, we give you glory now.

For all honour and blessing and power
belongs to you, belongs to you.
All honour and blessing and power
belongs to you, belongs to you,
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God.

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Video: Mairi and John Bowlerwell with the praise band of Dunfermline East Church of Scotland

WELCOME to worship.

Our churches in Penicuik are moving closer together under the Kingship of Christ, and it is planned that the people of the South Kirk and Howgate will join with the people of St Mungo's to become one new congregation. This will require a new name: please contact your elders, or speak to Peter or me, about your thoughts on the new name.

Today, I want to remind you that Penicuik Churches Together have launched an appeal to raise funds to support the resettlement of Afghan families in Midlothian. We aim together to raise £2,000 by the end of November. We want to show the families a warm welcome. We can do this by enabling them to go shopping and choose items for themselves, to help turn an empty house into a proper home.

You can find out more about this appeal in November's *Mungo Messenger*. You can give through your own church, but you must mark your gift: 'Afghan fund'.

Let's join in our **CALL TO WORSHIP** in words from Psalm 93.

Leader: Our Lord, you are King!

All: Majesty and power are your royal robes.

Leader: You have always ruled, and you are eternal.

**All: The mighty waves of the ocean are majestic,
but you are more majestic, and you rule over all.**

Let's worship God.

HYMN: Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Watch video <https://youtu.be/ipRM9AeIP6w>

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore!

Mortals, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love.

When he had purged our stains
he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven.

The keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand,
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope,
Jesus the judge shall come
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice,
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Rejoice the Lord Is King, Emu Music, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
we acclaim you as King of kings and Lord of lords:
we proclaim your greatness,
and we acknowledge your authority over us.

You are the shining brightness of God's glory.
You are the exact likeness of God's being.
You've provided the way
for your people to be made pure from sin.

Help us now as your disciples.
Forgive our sins which we confess to you now...

Help us to know that you are with us
in all circumstances
and in all that you ask us to do.

Help us to know your power at work in us and through us.
Give us courage to speak your message to others.

Lead and direct us in your service.
Speak to us in our worship
and equip us for all you want us to do,
personally and as a church.
May we live to bring glory to your name. **Amen.**

VIDEO: That's my King (SM Lockridge)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/8tyECoPCYHg>

BIBLE READINGS

Reader: Fiona Hutcheson

Revelation 1:4-8 (CEV)

From John to the seven churches in Asia.

I pray that you
will be blessed
with kindness and peace
from God, who is and was
and is coming.
May you receive
kindness and peace
from the seven spirits
before the throne of God.
May kindness and peace
be yours
from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness.

Jesus was the first
to conquer death,
and he is the ruler
of all earthly kings.

Christ loves us,
and by his blood
he set us free
from our sins.

He lets us rule as kings
and serve God his Father
as priests.

To him be glory and power
forever and ever! Amen.

Look! He is coming
with the clouds.

Everyone will see him,
even the ones who stuck
a sword through him.

All people on earth
will weep because of him.
Yes, it will happen! Amen.

The Lord God says, "I am Alpha and Omega, the one who is and was and is coming.
I am God All-Powerful!"

John 18:33-38 (NET)

So Pilate went back into the governor's residence, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own people and your chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my servants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Then Pilate said, "So you are a king!" Jesus replied, "You say that I am a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world—to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked, "What is truth?"

When he had said this he went back outside to the Jewish leaders and announced, "I find no basis for an accusation against him."

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REFLECTIONS WITH SLIDES The Revd Peter Wood

HYMN: King of Kings

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In the darkness we were waiting,
without hope, without light,
till from heaven You came running.
There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the Word;
from a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, Majesty--
praise forever to the King of Kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost;
to redeem the whole creation,
you did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering,
You saw to the other side,
knowing this was our salvation--
Jesus, for our sake, You died.

Praise the Father, praise the Son....

And the morning that You rose
all of heaven held its breath,
till that stone was moved for good
for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs
and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come
to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born;
then the Spirit lit the flame--
now this gospel truth of old
shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name,
in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ
who has resurrected me.

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PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

Led by Joyce MacLean

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, Adonai,
Lord, we bring before your throne of grace our prayers for others, asking that you will empower your people here to lay down our lives in service of your kingdom, that we will see others as you see them. , that you will love as you have taught us, that we will reach out our arms not only to those we know but to those we have yet to encounter. Inspire us to share our knowledge and love of you, that your spirit will reign throughout Penicuik.

We bring our prayers for a world divided, lost, hungry, and at war. In a world driven by greed and the desire for conquest, we remember, Father, the ongoing Covid epidemic throughout the world. We pray that Africa will receive more of the vaccine to take it beyond 4%, and that Burundi and Eritrea will be given vaccine to start immunising their population. Lord, send your holy spirit to be with all those who have lost loved ones during this dreadful time, and build in us a loving desire to reach out to those in need.

We remember those countries living in dire poverty such as Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Venezuela, Lebanon and Syria. Father, in a world that has plenty, it is hard to understand that poverty exists to such an extent. Nurture governments to grow in

wisdom, stir in your people everywhere a deep desire to reach out to those in need with your love and compassion, strengthen our voices that we may be heard as a powerful wind above the cacophony of noise.

Lord, we raise up the country of Afghanistan before you. We pray that peacemakers will arise within the Taliban, and that fear, retribution, poverty and discrimination will diminish and pass away. Lay your hands upon them, Lord. We give thanks that in many parts of the country girls are being allowed to attend school: be with these teachers and students. Inspire governments throughout the world to reach out rather than back away in this growing need for economic assistance. We remember the Afghan refugees coming to Penicuik, and pray that they will find friendship, compassion and peace among us.

Father, we give thanks for COP26 and that a resolution was reached. Give courage to governments to sustain these decisions, and to all peoples an empathy with the need to refrain from mis-use of the world's resources. Lord, let eyes be opened to the beauty you created.

We pray for countries at war: not only those who battle with weapons, but for those who battle for dominance which prevails over the needs of the people.

Abba, we pray for our nation and the many people whose lives have changed as a result of Covid, for those who have lost loved ones, and those struggling with issues of mental health; for those frightened to leave their homes. Inspire organisations to reach out to those in need. We give you thanks for Renew Wellbeing, and especially the outreach in Penicuik. We raise up FFF and the foodbanks in Penicuik, and ask your blessing on them and on the many throughout the country which bring relief to those in need. We ask for your blessing on all aid organisations, thinking of Bethany as we approach the cold of winter. Bring workers to the fore as people seek places to sleep. We give thanks for CAP and for the ongoing work done with people in financial crisis. Father – there's so much work to be done: pour out your spirit on this town and on this country.

Give us your grace and blessing to unite these two congregations, and the fruits and gifts to be your people of faith and love in this town.

Father, in all these situations we ask for your hands to rest on those who can make a difference, who can work for peace, for empathy and for resolution; and in all this, that your kingdom will grow, the words of your people will bring transformation, and that the name of Jesus will be lifted high above the nations.

All our prayers we ask in Jesus' name, using the prayer he taught his followers:

**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: Crown him with many crowns

Watch video <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*

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, November 28th: Advent Sunday

includes the celebration of Holy Communion

The following week, December 5th

KIP* Service: Holy Habits Finale

(* our three Church of Scotland congregations worshipping together)