

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



Sunday 22nd August 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.

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INTROIT: O God, you are my God (from Psalm 63)

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O God, you are my God, and I long for you.

O God, you are my God, and I long for you.

My whole being desires you, like a dry land, like a dry land,

my soul thirsts for you, my soul thirsts for you.

Let me see you in your sanctuary and I will praise,

I'll be satisfied, I'll be satisfied as long as I live, as long as I live.

Your steadfast love is better than life and I will praise you.

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I will lift my hands and I will call to you in

the watches of the night, watches of the night.

My soul clings to you, my soul clings to you--

In the shadow of your wings, I will sing out for joy.

I'll be satisfied, I'll be satisfied as long as I live, as long as I live.

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WELCOME to St Mungo's. Let us worship God.

HYMN Come, people of the risen King!

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Come, people of the risen King,
who delight to bring him praise;
come, all, and tune your hearts to sing
to the morning star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.

For his perfect love will never change,
and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, young and old from every land—
men and women of the faith;
come, those with full or empty hands—
find the riches of his grace.

Over all the world, his people sing—
shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age:
'Our God is all in all!'

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, rejoice!.*

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

PRAYER led by Lord Wallace, the Moderator of the General Assembly

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God our Father,
as we journey from where we have been
to where we will be,
fill us with your Spirit
that we might truly worship you
and praise your holy name.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God our Father,
as we journey from where we have been
to where we will be,
inspire us within the community of God's people
to lift up our hearts
and to renew our praise.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God our Father,
as we journey from where we have been
to where we will be,
renew us as we renew our praise
with psalms and hymns
and all the songs of God's people.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God our Father,
as we journey from where we have been
to where we will be,
help us to recover that which has been lost
and to rediscover all that unites us
as those who are made in your image.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God our Father,
as we journey from where we have been
to where we will be,
We give thanks to you
for all your gifts to us
through Christ and by your Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Amen.

THE STORY SO FAR

David has escaped having to fight with the Philistines against his own people, Israel. He and his men head back to Ziklag, only to discover it a burnt-out shell, with their wives and families all gone. There is no trace of the raiders, no indication of where they have taken their loved ones. David and his company are distraught with weeping and talk begins to go around the men, that David is to blame and should be stoned to death.

At this lowest of low points, David finds strength in the Lord his God, and consults God through Abiathar, the priest who is with them, as to whether they should go after the raiders and whether they'll be able to catch them. The answer comes back via the Ephod (part of the High Priestly dress robes) or via the Urim and Thummim which are held inside it: "Go after them! Yes, you'll catch them! Yes, you'll make the rescue!"

BIBLE READINGS

Reader: **Fiona Hutcheson**

1 Samuel 30: 9-26 (CEB)

So David set off with six hundred men. They came to the Besor ravine, where some stayed behind. David and four hundred men continued the pursuit, while two hundred men stayed there, too exhausted to cross the Besor ravine.

They found an Egyptian in the countryside and brought him to David. They gave him bread, and he ate, and they gave him water to drink. They also gave him a piece of fig cake and two raisin cakes. He ate and regained his strength because he hadn't eaten any food or drunk any water for three days and nights.

Then David asked him, "Whose slave are you? Where do you come from?"

"I'm an Egyptian servant boy," he said, "and the slave of an Amalekite. My master abandoned me when I got sick three days ago. We had raided the arid southern plain belonging to the Cherethites, the territory belonging to Judah, and the southern plain of Caleb. We also burned Ziklag down."

"Can you guide me to this raiding party?" David asked him.

"Make a pledge to me by God that you won't kill me or hand me over to my master," the boy said, "and I will guide you to the raiding party."

So the boy led David to them, and he found them scattered all over the countryside, eating, drinking, and celebrating over the large amount of plunder they had taken from Philistine and Judean territory.

David attacked them from twilight until evening of the next day. He killed them all. No one escaped except four hundred young men who got on camels and fled. David rescued everything that the Amalekites had taken, including his own two wives.

Nothing was missing from the plunder or anything that they had taken, neither old nor young, son nor daughter. David brought everything back. David also captured all the sheep and cattle, which were driven in front of the other livestock. The troops said, "This is David's plunder!"

David reached the two hundred men who were too exhausted to follow him and had stayed behind at the Besor ravine. They came out to greet him and the troops who were with him. When David approached them, he asked how they were doing. But then all the evil and despicable individuals who had accompanied David said, “We won’t share any of the plunder we rescued with them because they didn’t go with us. Each of them can take his wife and children and go—but that’s it.”

“Brothers!” David said. “Don’t act that way with the things the Lord has given us. He has protected us and handed over to us the raiding party that had attacked us. How could anyone agree with you on this plan? The share of those who went into battle and the share of those who stayed with the supplies will be divided equally.” So from that day forward, David made that a regulation and a law in Israel, which remains in place even now.

When David returned to Ziklag, he sent some of the plunder to the elders of Judah and to his friends. “Here is a gift for you from the plunder of the Lord’s enemies,” he said.

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1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 18-27 (CEV)

The body of Christ has many different parts, just as any other body does. Some of us are Jews, and others are Gentiles. Some of us are slaves, and others are free. But God’s Spirit baptized each of us and made us part of the body of Christ. Now we each drink from that same Spirit.

Our bodies don’t have just one part. They have many parts.... God has put all parts of our body together in the way that he decided is best.

A body isn’t really a body, unless there is more than one part. It takes many parts to make a single body. That’s why the eyes cannot say they don’t need the hands. That’s also why the head cannot say it doesn’t need the feet. In fact, we cannot get along without the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest. We take special care to dress up some parts of our bodies. We are modest about our personal parts, but we don’t have to be modest about other parts.

God put our bodies together in such a way that even the parts that seem the least important are valuable. He did this to make all parts of the body work together smoothly, with each part caring about the others. If one part of our body hurts, we hurt all over. If one part of our body is honoured, the whole body will be happy.

Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of his body.

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SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: We Are One

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Sister, let me wipe your tears.
Brother, let me bear your fears
Come on, every daughter, every son,
let us walk in love for we are one.

Though we walk a long and broken road,
we are here to bear each other's load,
and forgive as you've forgiven us.
Let us walk in love for we are one.

*We are one in the Father's love,
we of every tribe and every tongue.
We are found in the risen Son;
we are bound together by his blood.
Let us walk in love for we are one.*

There's a love that conquers all divides;
there's a love that paid the greatest price,
for the battle over death is won.
Now alive in Christ we live as one.

On the day you come to call us home,
with the multitude before the throne.
Now with all the saints who've overcome,
for eternity we'll sing as one.

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PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. (*Psalms 34:7-9*)

Father God,

We pray for the people of Afghanistan.

Help them feel the comfort and peace
that only comes from your powerful presence.

Give those who believe in you, courage to stand strong in their faith
and be a strong witness for you.

Be with those who do not believe in you –
help them to see the peace in your followers
and allow the Holy Spirit to stir in their hearts as they witness this.

We pray for leaders around the world:

give them clarity, wisdom and care.

Give us understanding and patience for their decisions,
even when we may not agree with them.

Help them ultimately look to you for guidance,
and allow the Holy Spirit to nudge them to pray.

We pray for those who spread your Gospel in Afghanistan.

Help them to be a light in the darkness for you,
bringing your comfort, peace, and assurance to those who are afraid.

Let their witness affect everyone around them,
and give them courage and strength, if need be,
to defend your name under persecution.

We pray for the Taliban, as you have taught us to pray,
that your Spirit would work in them and soften their hearts.

Only you truly know their hearts, Lord.

You alone can work in their hearts and minds,

We know that you came to save each and every one of us.

All our prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, praying in his words:

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. *Adapted from a prayer by Tiffany Curtis*

HYMN: Great is thy faithfulness

Watch video <https://youtu.be/7rPeZNSa7rE>

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness....

Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960); sung at Canterbury Cathedral.

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:

Death on the slopes of Gilboa (1 Samuel 31)

The service will include the celebration of Holy Communion