

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



DAY OF PENTECOST
Sunday 23rd May 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 the link which you'll find on our website: www.stmungos.freeuk.com . Full Video <https://youtu.be/hZSF3J7FNEw>
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:

All things bright and beautiful

Watch video at https://youtu.be/Pumm_cfDPGA

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures*

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one;

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures*

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty
Who has made all things well!

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Words: C F Alexander • Music: John Rutter • All Souls Choir led by Maria Marchant

WELCOME to St Mungo's on the Day of Pentecost.

Today we're looking at Climate Change and a Christian response to it.
Let us worship God.

HYMN: The Earth is the Lord's

Watch video <https://youtu.be/Uz5xbqU7msE>

In the beginning he spoke.
Light out of darkness, creation awoke.
Galaxies burst into life at his simple command.
All that exists is sustained by his powerful hand.

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
All creation is rightfully his.
He owns it all, and he's in control.
The earth is the Lord's.*

All wisdom and wealth in his hands.
History kneeling, submits to his plans.
Nations may rage, but the Lord is the Sovereign One.
Though they conspire, the Lord won't be overcome.

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
All creation is rightfully his.
He owns it all, and he's in control.
The earth is the Lord's, and all of the nations
will gather to worship the King.
All colours and tongues, singing as one.
The earth is the Lord's.*

Though darkened by evil's decay,

Creation is groaning, awaiting the day
When finally death and destruction are thrown out of view,
When finally Jesus returns making everything new.

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.

All creation is rightfully his.

He owns it all, and he's in control.

*The earth is the Lord's, and all of the nations
will gather to worship the King.*

All colours and tongues, singing as one.

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PRAYER

You put human beings in charge of everything you made.

You put all things under their control:

all the sheep, the cattle,

and the wild animals,

the birds in the sky,

the fish in the sea,

and everything that lives under water. (*Psalm 8*)

Lord of all,

your love for us involves responsibility

as well as privilege.

our place in creation

carries a duty to nurture

rather than simply exploit it.

Forgive us for our part in a society

that has too often lived for today

with no thought of tomorrow,

plundering this world's resources

with little care as to the consequences.

Challenge the hearts and minds of people everywhere,

that they and we may understand more fully

both the wonder and the fragility

of this planet you've given us,

and so honour our calling

to be faithful stewards of it all.

In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

From a prayer by Nick Fawcett

BIBLE READINGS (Readers: Joan and Neil Cape)

Ps104: selections (NRSV)

One: Bless the Lord, O my Soul!

Many: All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

One: You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

Many: All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

One: The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God;
The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens.
Then people go out to their work, to their labour until evening.

Many: All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

One: From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal;

Many: All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

One: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the Earth, wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

Many: All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

One: the Earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

Many: All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

www.sowinghopefortheplanet.org/files/shftp_uploads/2020/6/SOC_2020_Final_Jubilee_for_the_Earth.pdf

Colossians 1: 15-20 (The Message)

We look at Christ, the Son and see the God who cannot be seen.

We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created.

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—*everything* got started in him and finds its purpose in him.

He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

He was supreme in the beginning and - leading the resurrection parade - he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so expansive, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed, and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

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TALK (Neil Cape): Part 1

HYMN: God of the Poor (Beauty for Brokenness)

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Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord, in your suffering
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary
Freedoms to share

Peace to the killing-fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness
Carelessness, greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

*God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame*

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of your ways
Seek your salvation
And bring you their praise

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TALK (Neil Cape): Part 2

PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

Faithful God,
you create a home for all life to flourish
and all living things look to you to supply their needs.
We thank you that you've blessed human beings
in making us stewards of the earth.
We thank you that you keep all your promises
and are loyal to all that you've made.

Father, we confess that in our greed for resources
and through our complacency
about the responsibilities you've given us,
we've played a part in the suffering of our world,
and in making poor our global neighbours--
and that this is going on day by day.

Lord, bring us to repentance,
not just to recognise our part in this,
but with your help, to amend our way of life.
In Christ you call us, not only to be forgiven people,
but to a new and different way of life,
loving you and your ways,
and loving our neighbours as ourselves.
Change us into what you would have us be.

We pray for all are vulnerable to climate chaos:
those facing rising temperatures, drought and water shortages,
those enduring unpredictable weather, disrupted seasons and failed crops,
those encountering flooding, land loss and salination of vital water supplies,
and all who fear for their lives and for their families,
especially the poor, the vulnerable and the refugee.
Send them help when they are in trouble.
and grant us active compassion for them.

Father, raise up a generation of leaders
with the courage to take responsibility for the climate.
Reveal to scientists and engineers ways of adaptation.
Give wisdom to development agencies and local communities.

We thank you that we are not alone in this. You are with us.
Spirit of truth, speak to our hearts
and tell us what you would have us do,
in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

HYMN: All my hope on God is founded

Watch video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3LCGh02Vew>

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Joachim Neander tr. Robert Bridges

THE BLESSING

May God bless us with wonder at creation's glory.
May God bless us with fury at creation's spoiling.
May God bless us with courage at this critical hour.
And may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
rest upon us and on all creation,
this day and for the future to come. **Amen**

Blessing from Christian Aid, adapted from ACT Alliance

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Next week: David, Saul and Jonathan: friendship and jealousy
The service will include the celebration of Holy Communion