

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



Sunday 24th January 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.

If you want to join in the whole service, follow the link which you'll find on our website: www.stmungo.freeuk.com. Full video <https://youtu.be/nvik6x3q1vU>

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. It's good you can join us.

Our call to worship is based on words from the 100th psalm.

Leader: The LORD is good.

All: His unfailing love continues forever,

Leader: The LORD's faithfulness endures

All: from generation to generation.

Let us worship God.

HYMN: All people that on earth do dwell *(Psalm 100)*

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/6xM6Ke4IKJM?t=3>

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

For why? the Lord our God is good:
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

William Kethe (d. 1594)

Sung at the Old Royal Naval College Chapel, Greenwich

PRAYER

God our Father,
we thank you that,
though it may sometimes seem otherwise,
you do not leave us alone.

Open our eyes and our hearts
to your presence with us
and teach us throughout the day
to be your faithful people.

We come in faith: come to us now, we pray.

We praise you that we're not dependent
solely on our own resources,
for you're constantly at work,
changing lives, redeeming situations,
shaping the course of history.

We rejoice that you're able to speak and move
through ordinary people such as us.

You can take what is sometimes a feeble faith
and a hesitant discipleship,
and you can use both
in ways far beyond our expectations.

Forgive us and use us,
because we trust in Jesus,
who died for us
and who represents us before you.

Pour out your Spirit on us.

We praise you that,
whatever may conspire against you
and frustrate your purpose,
your will shall finally be done
and your kingdom come.

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Partly based on prayers by Nick Fawcett.

HYMN: Speak, O Lord, as we come to You

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/6ViVwhCGDXo>

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority,
words of power that can never fail.
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us:
truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Sung by a soloist of St Martin Voices; video edited by Melton Mowbray Team Parish.

THE STORY SO FAR

Hannah has made the unusual choice of bringing her son Samuel at the age of four or five and leaving him in the care of Eli the priest in the house of the Lord at Shiloh. Her continuing love is shown by a little cloak she makes for him each year.

Eli cares for the young Samuel, who is 'but a lad'. Samuel worships God and learns to serve in his new setting. But all is not well there: Eli's sons are guilty of abuse of the worshippers' sacrifices, greedily and forcefully appropriating the choice cuts of meat with no regard to the holy nature of the meal, and of sexual exploitation of the women who serve there. Eli strongly rebukes them but does not do anything to remedy the situation.

1 Samuel 3: 1-21 (Good News Bible)

Reader: Christine Jackson

In those days, when the boy Samuel was serving the Lord under the direction of Eli, there were very few messages from the Lord, and visions from him were quite rare. One night Eli, who was now almost blind, was sleeping in his own room; Samuel was sleeping in the sanctuary, where the sacred Covenant Box was. Before dawn, while the lamp was still burning, the Lord called Samuel. He answered, "Yes, sir!" and ran to Eli and said, "You called me, and here I am."

But Eli answered, "I didn't call you; go back to bed." So Samuel went back to bed.

The Lord called Samuel again. The boy did not know that it was the Lord, because the Lord had never spoken to him before. So he got up, went to Eli, and said, "You called me, and here I am."

But Eli answered, "My son, I didn't call you; go back to bed."

The Lord called Samuel a third time; he got up, went to Eli, and said, "You called me, and here I am."

Then Eli realized that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, so he said to him, "Go back to bed; and if he calls you again, say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed.

The Lord came and stood there, and called as he had before, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Samuel answered, "Speak; your servant is listening."

The Lord said to him, "Some day I am going to do something to the people of Israel that is so terrible that everyone who hears about it will be stunned. On that day I will carry out all my threats against Eli's family, from beginning to end. I have already told him that I am going to punish his family forever because his sons have spoken evil things against me. Eli knew they were doing this, but he did not stop them. So I solemnly declare to the family of Eli that no sacrifice or offering will ever be able to remove the consequences of this terrible sin."

Samuel stayed in bed until morning; then he got up and opened the doors of the house of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli about the vision. Eli called him, "Samuel, my boy!" "Yes, sir," answered Samuel.

"What did the Lord tell you?" Eli asked. "Don't keep anything from me. God will punish you severely if you don't tell me everything he said." So Samuel told him everything; he did not keep anything back. Eli said, "He is the Lord; he will do whatever seems best to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and made come true everything that Samuel said. So all the people of Israel, from one end of the country to the other, knew that Samuel was indeed a prophet of the Lord. The Lord continued to reveal himself at Shiloh, where he had appeared to Samuel and had spoken to him. And when Samuel spoke, all Israel listened.

SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN I, the Lord of sea and sky

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/mgLwH5RdtPk>

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

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Sung in St Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral, Glasgow

PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

Father,
we thank you that we don't have to hide
any of our feelings from you.
You understand us, and you care for us.
Whether we need to shout out loud,
or whisper in the silence of our hearts,
whether we need to sob loudly or weep gently,
or simply be still in your presence,

we trust that you are listening to us
and that your love for us does not change.

‘Your love continues forever,
and you are faithful through every generation.’

Help us to bring our concerns to you,
if need be, pausing the video now....

Help us also to bring other people’s concerns to you.

As more countries go into lockdown
to try and limit the spread of coronavirus.

We pray for them, and, in particular,
for Rwanda, Zimbabwe and Lebanon.

Help those who help communities cope with the lockdown,
by delivering food parcels to those in need,
and reaching out in other ways.

Help people with their mental and physical health
in these challenging times.

We bring individuals and communities to you,
again pausing the video, if we need more time.....

We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus
who taught us this prayer:

**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: You're the Shepherd

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/-x2P-leS5A8?list=PLnNbNiZRmbhgnVL2DLL5TCGeiB6FJKRmg>

You’re the Shepherd, we’re the sheep.

You won’t slumber, though we sleep.

Oh, what love our Saviour shows
to the little ones he knows.

We are guilty, you are good;
we fell short, but you withstood.

For your Father's holy name
you endured and overcame.

*We were helpless in our sin.
You forgave and took us in.
Though our hearts still turn from you,
yet with patience you pursue.*

You're the teacher, we are taught,
by your precious blood we're bought.
You're the healer, we are healed,
by your cross our hope is sealed.

We're forgiven by your blood;
orphans called as sons of God.
Brought from darkness into light,
washed in red and clothed in white.

*Yours the triumph, yours the throne,
praise and glory, yours alone.
Tongues of angels, songs of men:
let the heav'ns resound again.*

Yours the triumph, yours the throne....

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THE BLESSING

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

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week: Holy Communion
1 Samuel 4: Misplaced confidence