

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



Sunday 27th June 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.

Our preacher today is Fiona Devoy, a reader in the Church of Scotland.

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, https://youtu.be/Z8lXmzV_Vpl follow the link 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.

WELCOME to St Mungo's: whether you are joining us from Penicuik or from further away, we pray that you will find blessing in this service.

Our **call to worship** comes from Micah 6:8.

Leader: God has told you, O mortal, what is good;

What does the Lord require of you?

**All: To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Let us worship God.

HYMN: Only a holy God

Watch video at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1d2wk-IQhSRWOR8tGSvi-fhz2EGhg0r6T>

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?

Who else could make every king bow down?

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?

Only a Holy God!

What other beauty demands such praises?

What other splendour outshines the sun?

What other majesty rules with justice?

Only a Holy God!

*Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
Forever a Holy God.*

Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God!

*Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
Forever a Holy God.*

Come and worship the Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God!
Only my Holy God!

*Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
Forever a Holy God,*

Come and worship the Holy God.

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PRAYER (read by Joan Cape)

God our Creator,
It is good to be together,
whether on screens, or in the church building,
alone, or in the company of others,
listening together for your voice, united by your Spirit.

In this time of worship
show us your kingdom of compassion and justice,
so that we can seek it.
We want to walk with you,
humbly, closely, daily.

You are the God who hears:
hear our prayer today for all who lament or repent.
For those among us who face
discrimination every day because of their gender or class or skin colour,
we lament.

For those among us who have remained silent
in the face of unfair behaviour or policies,
when we should have raised our voices,
we repent.

God of hope,
show us how to work for justice together,
standing up for what is right,
stepping in when something's wrong,
shouldering each other's burdens,
holding each other accountable,
righting the wrongs we've done,
speaking truth to power.

We pray for change, lasting change for a fairer, more equal world,
beginning with us.

Deliver us from evil, within and without,
in the sure knowledge that you are the one ultimately in charge,
as we work together for the coming of your kingdom,
where justice and peace will reign.

In Jesus' name we ask these things, saying together the prayer he taught us:

**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: Take my life

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2VnpsAPxiE>

Take my life and let it be
dedicated to your praise,
Lord I freely give to you
every moment of my days.

Take my hands to show your love
for the broken and the lost
guide my feet to follow Christ
in the shadow of the cross.

Take my voice and let me sing,
always only for my King.
Take my lips and may they always
bring you praise

*I'm all yours,
I'm all yours, my Lord
all I am, every part.
I'm all yours,
I'm all yours, my Lord
take my life,
take my heart.*

Take the things that I possess
I surrender all I own.
Lord, I give my every thought
to be ruled by Christ alone

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THE STORY SO FAR

Once again, David has fled for his life from the presence of King Saul, whose paranoia and jealousy have reached murderous levels, even extending to his own son, Jonathan. David flees for his life with some of his men, and seeks help from Ahimelech the priest. He is given food and weapons, but unknown to him, he is spotted by one of the Saul's servants, Doeg the Edomite. He moves on to Gath, where he seeks refuge from King Achish. However, the King is suspicious of David, who avoids unwanted attention by behaving like a dribbling fool. On the advice of Gad, the prophet, he eventually moves on to Judah, to the forest of Hereth, where his brothers and a group of about 400 disaffected individuals gather around him, and that is where we join him in today's reading.

BIBLE READINGS

1 Samuel 22 v 6-23 (NET)

Reader: David Hogg

But Saul found out the whereabouts of David and the men who were with him. Now Saul was sitting at Gibeah under the tamarisk tree at an elevated location with his spear in hand and all his servants stationed around him. Saul said to his servants, "Listen up, you Benjaminites! Is Jesse's son giving fields and vineyards to all of you? Or is he making all of you commanders and officers? For all of you have conspired against me! No one informs me when my own son makes an agreement with the son of Jesse. Not one of you feels sorry for me or informs me that my own son has commissioned my own servant to hide in ambush against me, as is the case today!"

But Doeg the Edomite, who had stationed himself with the servants of Saul, replied, "I saw this son of Jesse come to Ahimelech son of Ahitub at Nob. He inquired of the Lord for him and gave him provisions. He also gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

Then the king arranged for a meeting with the priest Ahimelech son of Ahitub and all the priests of his father's house who were at Nob. They all came to the king. Then Saul said, "Listen, son of Ahitub." He replied, "Here I am, my lord." Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against me, you and this son of Jesse? You gave him bread and a sword and inquired of God on his behalf, so that he opposes me and waits in ambush, as is the case today!"

Ahimelech replied to the king, "Who among all your servants is faithful like David? He is the king's son-in-law, the leader of your bodyguard, and honoured in your house. Was it just today that I began to inquire of God on his behalf? Far be it from me! The king should not accuse his servant or any of my father's house, for your servant is not aware of all this—not in whole or in part!"

But the king said, "You will surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father's house!" Then the king said to the messengers who were stationed beside him, "Turn and kill the priests of the Lord, for they too have sided with David. They knew he was fleeing, but they did not inform me." But the king's servants refused to harm the priests of the Lord.

Then the king said to Doeg, "You turn and strike down the priests!" So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck down the priests. He killed on that day eighty-five men who wore the linen ephod. As for Nob, the city of the priests, Doeg struck down men and women, children and infants, oxen, donkeys, and sheep—all with the sword.

But one of the sons of Ahimelech son of Ahitub escaped and fled to David. His name was Abiathar. Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the priests of the Lord. Then David said to Abiathar, "I knew that day when Doeg the Edomite was there that he would certainly tell Saul! I am guilty of all the deaths in your father's house. Stay with me. Don't be afraid. Whoever seeks my life is seeking your life as well. You are secure with me."

Luke 22 v 1-6 (NET)

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. The chief priests and the experts in the law were trying to find some way to execute Jesus, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered Judas, the one called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve. He went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard how he might betray Jesus, handing him over to them. They were delighted and arranged to give him money. So Judas agreed and began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus when no crowd was present.

SHORT REFLECTION: The power of paranoia

HYMN: I have a dream Watch video at <https://youtu.be/nEjLx1Rv4M>

(Tune: Repton)

“I have a dream”, a man once said,
“where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love.”

But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.

Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right.

So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content:
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain:
unless there's action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds.

Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace.

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PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES (Neil Cape)

We come now with our prayers of thanksgiving, and our prayers for others – let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for all that you have done for us,

- for being faithful even when we doubt you,
- for providing for all our needs even when things look bleak,
- for reassuring us of your love and care when we need it most.

We thank you that, with a universe to govern, you care for us and the details of our lives, even though we so often forget you, forget to speak to you, and to listen to you.

We come now, though, to pray not for ourselves but for people who are suffering:

- people we know,
- people we know about through the media,
- people we will never know, but who are known to you;

We pray for those suffering from a lack of food, water, shelter or security, whose basic needs are denied to them:

- through unjust rulers or political systems,
- through the unthinking actions of others, often like ourselves, with riches to squander;
- through changes in patterns of climate;
- through no fault of their own.

We know that you hate injustice, so we pray for justice for the suffering, and for mercy on ourselves, when we have not cared enough.

We pray also for those who are ill or grieving, that you will send healing of body, mind and spirit.

We pray for those who have difficult decisions to make, that they will seek your guidance.

Father we pray for your justice to prevail, and for your kingdom to come on earth, In Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN: Be thou my vision

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiukM6WHQEQ>

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great father, and I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower.
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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THE BLESSING, said together:

May the peace of Christ go with us,
Wherever he may send us.

May he guide us through the wilderness and protect us through the storm.

May he bring us home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown us.

May he bring us home rejoicing once again into our doors.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

And the love of God,

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,

Now and evermore.

Amen.

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Next week's preacher:

Martin Pearce

"Love in Action"