

Welcome to Penicuik South & Howgate and Penicuik St Mungo's online.



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 27th, 2022**

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 will be our final video service. We hope you have enjoyed them over the past 2 years during the pandemic.

This order of service, which includes much more of the service, is for you to use as you find helpful: some of you may wish simply to read it, whether silently or aloud. However, if you want to hear the songs (and join in!) just follow the links provided.

If you want to join in the whole service, follow <https://youtu.be/nSCAiNZ8Ppw> which you'll find (on our soon to be changing) website: www.stmungos.freeuk.com .

OPENING MUSIC: Awake my soul

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

Awake my soul - come worship.

Come bring your worship, lift up your praise;
look to the Father, call on his name.

Honour the Saviour, Jesus the King;
filled with the Spirit, stand and sing.

*Every life laid bare, nothing hidden here,
every heart's desire known.*

*Jesus purify, cleanse our hearts and minds,
let your Holy Spirit come.*

Come bring your worship, come seek his face,
trust in his mercy, rest in his grace.

Come to remember all he has done,
gather in awe before his throne.

With all our heart we worship,
with all our soul we worship,
with all our mind we worship,
with all our strength we worship.

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WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our service. Let's worship God.

SONG: O God, you search me and you know me (Psalm 139)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/broBTwmATx0>

O God, you search me and you know me.

All my ways lie open to your gaze.

When I walk or lie down, you go before me:

ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.

You discern my purpose from afar,

and with love everlasting you besiege me:

in every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,

you have known its meaning through and through.

You are with me beyond my understanding:

God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,

still I search for shelter from your light.

There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:

even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,

gave me life within my mother's womb.

For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:

safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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PRAYER

God our Father,

We thank you that you want to change people everywhere
from being your enemies into being your friends.

You know that even people who've become your friends

can sometimes act as if we were enemies:

we're sometimes suspicious, afraid, angry, proud,

trying to live life our own way,

telling you to back off.

Please forgive us and help us to remember

that because of Jesus we can still be your friends.

We can still be people who know that you love us,

who trust that you forgive us and help us

with the wrong things in our lives,

because that's what you've promised.

We thank you that we can know that we're your friends

not because of how good we've been

(because that wouldn't be real friendship)
but because we've accepted your offer of friendship in Jesus who died for us,
and because you've come to live in us by your Holy Spirit.

We thank you that you do all this for us,
and so much more besides,
because that's what you're like.

Bless everyone today in this service
because you want everyone to know your friendship
through Jesus your son. **Amen.**

SONG: Only by grace can we enter

Watch video <https://youtu.be/v3gDD-R4L6o>

Only by grace can we enter,
only by grace can we stand;
not by our human endeavour,
but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into your presence you call us,
you call us to come;
into your presence you draw us,
and now by your grace we come,
now by your grace we come.

*Lord, if you mark our transgressions
who would stand?*

*Thanks to your grace we are cleansed
by the blood of the Lamb.*

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Sung by Regent Hall Salvation Army Church*

BIBLE READINGS (Video: Bill & Margaret Webster; Live Service: Caroline McIntosh)

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21 (NIRV)

So from now on we don't look at anyone the way the world does. At one time we looked at Christ in that way. But we don't anymore. When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here! All this is from God. He brought us back to himself through Christ's death on the cross. And he has given us the task of bringing others back to him through Christ. God was bringing the world back to himself through Christ. He did not hold people's sins against them. God has trusted us with the message that people may be brought back to him. So we are Christ's official messengers. It is as if God were making his appeal through us. Here is what Christ wants us to beg you to do. Come back to God! Christ didn't have any sin. But God made him become sin for us. So we can be made right with God because of what Christ has done for us.

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LUKE 15:1-3, 11b-32 (CEB)

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Jesus told them this parable:

[11b] "A certain man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

"When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, but I'm starving to death! I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands."' ' So he got up and went to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. The servant replied, 'Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.' Then the older son was furious and didn't want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. He answered his father, 'Look, I've served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you've never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.' Then his father said, 'Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.'"

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SONG: How deep the Father's love for us

Watch video <https://youtu.be/Wiwys-pp3Po>

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only son to make a wretch his treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward; I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

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SHORT ADDRESS

SONG: Above the voices of the world around me

Watch video https://youtu.be/xqEcm8_J-s4

Above the voices of the world around me,
my hopes and dreams, my cares and loves and fears,
the long-awaited call of Christ has found me,
the voice of Jesus echoes in my ears:

‘I gave my life to break the cords that bind you,
I rose from death to set your spirit free;
turn from your sins, and put the past behind you,
take up your cross and come and follow me.’

What can I offer him who calls me to him?
Only the wastes of sin and self and shame;
a mind confused, a heart that never knew him,
a tongue unskilled at naming Jesus’ name.

Yet at your call, and hungry for your blessing,
drawn by that cross which moves a heart of stone,
now Lord I come, my tale of sin confessing,
and in repentance turn to you alone.

Lord, I believe; help now my unbelieving;
I come in faith because your promise stands.
Your word of pardon and of peace receiving,
all that I am I place within your hands.

Let me become what you shall choose to make me,
freed from the guilt and burden of my sins.
Jesus is mine, who never shall forsake me,
and in his love my new-born life begins.

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PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES (In Church Only - Agnes Ovenstone)

HOLY COMMUNION: THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

True love is God's love for us, not our love for God.

God sent his Son as the way to take away our sins. *1 John 4:10*

THE INVITATION

Jesus invites us to this table
to share the bread and wine
which make his promises real to us
and bind us together in his love.

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Loving God, we praise and thank you
for your love shown to us in Jesus.

We thank you for his life and ministry,
announcing the good news of your kingdom
and demonstrating its power
by lifting up the downtrodden,
healing the sick and loving the unloved.

We thank you for his sacrificial death upon the cross
for the redemption of the world,
and for raising him to life again,
as a foretaste of the glory we'll share with him.

We give you thanks for this bread and wine,
the common things of this world
and the signs of your transforming love.

Send your Holy Spirit, we pray,
that we may be renewed in his likeness
and shaped into Christ's Body here on earth.

Let's join together in the family prayer of the Church:

**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.**

THE REMEMBERING

We do this in obedience to Christ's command and example.

On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread
and after giving thanks to God he broke it and said

'This is my body broken for you;

do this in memory of me.'

In the same way he took the cup and said:

'This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood.

Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me.

THE SHARING

Take, eat. The body of Christ, broken for you.

Do this, remembering him.

(We eat together.)

The new covenant sealed by Christ's blood

which was shed that the sins of many might be forgiven.

As you drink, remember him.

(We drink together.)

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

SONG: Creator God

Watch video <https://youtu.be/ATqwNcJ8srU>

Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens,
your glory shines in all that you have made;
you spoke the word, who broke into the darkness—
all earth replies: 'Majestic is your name!'

And who am I, though made below the angels,
that you, my King, are mindful of my ways?
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent
as on the cross the Light was pierced with dark.
The word of life to death now hangs surrendered,
the one who spoke out stars now breathes his last.

And who am I, the lowliest of sinners,
that you would pay the price my sin deserves?
My maker scarred for those who marred his likeness,
and from his wounds flows mercy unreserved.

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory—
death could not hold the one who authored life!
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness
and in our hearts, his risen life now shines.

And who are we, that you would call us children
and raise us up from death to life with you
where we will sing the New Creation anthem:
'O praise the one who's making all things new!'

And so we wait in eager expectation,
and join the song as all creation groans:
'Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,
the Day you call your sons and daughters home.'

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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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Next week:

**KIP Service led by the Rev John Urquhart
in Penicuik North Kirk.**

(No service in St Mungo's and Penicuik South & Howgate)

Teaching, part 1:

the second mark of mission:

building welcoming, transforming communities of faith