

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



SUNDAY 28th February 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.stmungos.freeuk.com Full Video <https://youtu.be/C10gES49HGQ>

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. We're glad you can join us.

Today we are celebrating Holy Communion.

If you are joining us from home

and would like to put aside some bread and wine

(or something which would represent them),

please retain them until the appropriate part of the service

and consume them reverently and thankfully.

If you would rather not participate,

you are equally welcome to listen

and enjoy spiritual communion with Christ

and 'feed on him in your heart

by faith with thanksgiving'.

HYMN: Come down, O Love divine!

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/aLjaslOT8TA>

Come down, O Love divine!

seek out this soul of mine

and visit it with your own ardour glowing;

O Comforter, draw near,

within my heart appear,

and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

There let it freely burn
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and make my pathway clear, by your illuming.

Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart
which takes the humbler part,
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far surpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

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PRAYER

Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
we pray that from your glorious, unlimited resources,
you will empower us with inner strength through your Spirit.
May our roots grow deep into your love and keep us strong.

As we experience the unfathomable love of Christ,
may we be made complete
with all the fullness of life and power
that comes from you.

Fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in you.

Empower our lives to produce your fruit:

a harvest of love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Only through your power at work in us
can we live in holiness and in victory over sin.

Convict us, fill us, and empower us. **Amen**

THE STORY SO FAR

The elders of Israel have come to Samuel requesting a king to be like other nations. Samuel is *not* pleased: because they're intending to replace him and his corrupt sons and because he thinks it's a wrong move anyway. He takes it to the Lord in prayer.

God tells him to listen to the people, but also tells him that they are rejecting God's leadership, not Samuel's. They've always done this, ever since they left Egypt. Samuel is to listen to them but to warn them what life under the king will become.

Samuel warns the people that the king will take the best of what they have and break up family relationships in doing so. They will end up as slaves all over again and cry out to be rescued, but this time the Lord won't listen to them.

Though Samuel listens to the people, the people won't listen to Samuel. They still want a king. So Samuel goes back to the Lord in prayer. God tells him again to listen to the people *and* give them a king. So Samuel dismisses them, presumably to pray some more, and get a clear picture of how he should proceed.

1 Samuel 9:1-10:16 (CEV)

Readers: Joan and Neil Cape

Kish was a wealthy man who belonged to the tribe of Benjamin....

Kish had a son named Saul, who was better looking and more than a head taller than anyone else in all Israel.

Kish owned some donkeys, but they had run off. So he told Saul, "Take one of the servants and go look for the donkeys."

Saul and the servant went through the hill country of Ephraim and the territory of Shalishah, but they could not find the donkeys. Then they went through the territories of Shaalim and Benjamin, but still there was no sign of the donkeys. Finally they came to the territory where the clan of Zuph lived. "Let's go back home," Saul told his servant. "If we don't go back soon, my father will stop worrying about the donkeys and start worrying about us!"

"Wait!" the servant answered. "There's a man of God who lives in a town near here. He's amazing! Everything he says comes true. Let's talk to him. Maybe he can tell us where to look."

Saul said, "How can we talk to the prophet when I don't have anything to give him? We don't even have any bread left in our sacks. What can we give him?"

"I have a small piece of silver," the servant answered. "We can give him that, and then he will tell us where to look for the donkeys."

"Great!" Saul replied. "Let's go to the man who can see visions!" He said this because in those days God would answer questions by giving visions to prophets.

Saul and his servant went to the town where the prophet lived. As they were going up the hill to the town, they met some young women coming out to get water, and the two men said to them, "We're looking for the man who can see visions. Is he in town?"

“Yes, he is,” they replied. “He’s in town today because there’s going to be a sacrifice and a sacred meal at the place of worship. In fact, he’s just ahead of you. Hurry and you should find him right inside the town gate. He’s on his way out to the place of worship to eat with the invited guests. They can’t start eating until he blesses the sacrifice. If you go now, you should find him.”

They went to the town, and just as they were going through the gate, Samuel was coming out on his way to the place of worship.

The day before Saul came, the Lord had told Samuel, “I’ve seen how my people are suffering, and I’ve heard their call for help. About this time tomorrow I’ll send you a man from the tribe of Benjamin, who will rescue my people from the Philistines. I want you to pour olive oil on his head to show that he will be their leader.”

Samuel looked at Saul, and the Lord told Samuel, “This is the man I told you about. He’s the one who will rule Israel.”

Saul went over to Samuel in the gateway and said, “A man who can see visions lives here in town. Could you tell me the way to his house?”

“I am the one who sees visions!” Samuel answered. “Go on up to the place of worship. You will eat with me today, and in the morning I’ll answer your questions. Don’t worry about your donkeys that ran off three days ago. They’ve already been found. Everything of value in Israel now belongs to you and your family.”

“Why are you telling me this?” Saul asked. “I’m from Benjamin, the smallest tribe in Israel, and my clan is the least important in the tribe.”

[Samuel takes the two travellers and gives them the place of honour at a feast, with Saul getting the very best joint of meat. Afterwards, Saul gets a guest bed in the prime position on the roof.]

About sunrise the next morning, Samuel called up to Saul on the roof, “Time to get up! I’ll help you get started on your way.”

Saul got up. He and Samuel left together and had almost reached the edge of town when Samuel stopped and said, “Have your servant go on. Stay here with me for a few minutes, and I’ll tell you what God has told me.”

After the servant had gone, Samuel took a small jar of olive oil and poured it on Saul’s head. Then he kissed Saul and told him: “The Lord has chosen you to be the leader and ruler of his people....”

[Samuel gives him three prophetic signs. Saul will meet three groups of people: the first group will confirm that the donkeys have been found; the second group will give him something to eat and the third... Well, that’s the one the storyteller concentrates on.]

As Saul turned around to leave Samuel, God made Saul feel like a different person. That same day, everything happened just as Samuel had said. When Saul arrived at Gibeah, a group of prophets met him. The Spirit of God suddenly took control of him, and right there in the middle of the group he began prophesying.

Some people who had known Saul for a long time saw that he was speaking and behaving like a prophet. They said to each other, "What's happened? How can Saul be a prophet?"

"Why not?" one of them answered. "Saul has as much right to be a prophet as anyone else!" That's why everyone started saying, "How can Saul be a prophet?"

After Saul stopped prophesying, he went to the place of worship.

Later, Saul's uncle asked him, "Where have you been?"

Saul answered, "Looking for the donkeys. We couldn't find them, so we went to talk with Samuel."

"And what did he tell you?" Saul's uncle asked.

Saul answered, "He told us the donkeys had been found." But Saul didn't mention that Samuel had chosen him to be king.

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HYMN: Spirit of God, you know my inmost being

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

Spirit of God, you know my inmost being;
all of my life is open to your sight;
help me to take to heart your probing counsel;
help me to yield to love's all-searching light.

My love, I know, is rarely what it should be;
my joy is all too shallow at its best;
my peace is fragile as a flower's petals;
my patience crumbles at the slightest test;

Self-interest haunts my kindness and my goodness;
seldom is true integrity my goal;
I lack my humble, gentle Lord's demeanour;
old habits undermine my self-control.

Spirit of God, beyond the flaws and failures
you know the person Christ would have me be.
Come, plough and prune, and make me fit for service;
come, plant and nurture your good fruit in me.

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Video from <https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/spirit-of-god-you-know-my-inmost-being>

SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: No Other Name

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/D5B2m8XzKeU>

There is no other name
in heaven can be found,
through whom we are redeemed,
through whom your grace abounds.

No other name can save
but Jesus Christ our Lord.

*My joy in sorrow's tears,
my strength to cast out fears:
no other name but Jesus, Jesus;
my hope in darkest night,
my broken soul's delight:
no other name but Jesus, Jesus.*

There is no victory
but Jesus crucified;
no other cure for sin
but that our Saviour died;
no other hope we have
but that he rose again.

No other throne endures;
no other song remains
but 'Worthy is the Lamb,
who was for sinners slain',
when every knee shall bow
and tongue confess you are Lord,
you are Lord.

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HOLY COMMUNION: THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord Jesus invites to his table
all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness.

We come to his table in faith,
humbly confessing our sins
and turning to God from our own way.

Rather than trusting in anything else to save us,
we hear the good news that Christ died for us,
and we trust in Christ
and confess him as Lord.

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
you made us in your image,
to love you and to be loved by you.

When we turned away,
and our love failed, your love pursued us.
By the suffering, death, and resurrection
of your only Son Jesus Christ
you delivered us from slavery to sin and death
and made with us a new covenant.

And so, remembering all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
that they would be for us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit
make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we join in his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
and with the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.

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.**

REMEMBERING WHAT JESUS DID AND SAID

We do this because Jesus himself did it
and told us to do it too.

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 which is for you;
do this in memory of me.'*

Later 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.

The new covenant sealed by Christ's blood
which was shed that the sins of many might be forgiven.
As you drink, remember him.

THE PEACE *(using British Sign Language)*

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

HYMN: My worth is not in what I own

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/PqkriHa3AgE>

My worth is not in what I own:
not in the strength of flesh and bone
but in the costly wounds of love,
at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name,
in win or lose, in pride or shame,
but in the blood of Christ that flowed
at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer:
greatest Treasure,
wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die.
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by,
but life eternal calls to us
at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might
or human wisdom's fleeting light,
but I will boast in knowing Christ
at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer:
greatest Treasure,
wellspring of my soul.*

I will trust in Him, no other.

My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

Two wonders here that I confess:
my worth and my unworthiness;
my value fixed - my ransom paid
at the cross.

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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: KIP Joint Service: Holy Habits: Prayer