Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



PALM SUNDAY SUNDAY 28th MARCH 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: <u>www.stmungos.freeuk.com</u> Video <u>https://youtu.be/z8Yr8z2IBVU</u>

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, people of the risen King!

Watch video: https://drive.google.com/file/d/15F8GTAsMBneubyTVTR_sEnsPrynk4A5u/view?usp=sharing

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise; come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the morning star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night; come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight. For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land men and women of the faith; come, those with full or empty hands find the riches of his grace. Over all the world, his people sing shore to shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through every age: 'Our God is all in all!'

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, rejoice!

Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty @ 2007 Thankyou Music; Adm. Integrity Music. Sung by Mairi Bowlerwell, accompanied by John Bowlerwell, Dunfermline East CH of Scotland

PRAYER: Please take a palm cross, or any cross you may have. Hold it before you, or close your eyes, listen and pray.

Loving Father, we place before our eyes

this symbol of the cross of your Son.

We thank you for its astonishing message:

for its power to speak

to the deepest needs of our hearts.

This message is Christ,

who is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

This message about Christ's death on the cross

although it makes no sense

to those who're being lost;

but for us who are being saved it is God's power.

We thank you for the love the cross represents:

This was how you loved the world; you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him should not be lost but have eternal life.

We praise you for the self-sacrifice of Christ,

freely offered on our behalf; that Jesus took our sins upon himself, and was made a curse instead of us, that we might go free.

We thank you for your mercy through the cross of Christ:

from the eternal loss from which it rescues us:

that it stands 'like a watchman set to guard the way from that eternal grave.'

We thank you for the forgiveness the cross offers and proclaims:

You've not only wiped out the charges against us

and nailed them to the cross.

You also offer us life in all its fullness.

We praise you for the freedom the cross of Christ brings:

you have disarmed the powers and authorities...

triumphing over them by the cross.

May your cross remind us that we're called to take up our cross:

to follow in the way of Christ.

May our lives speak of him

even as this cross speaks clearly of you.

May we put to death all that is not of you.

everything that doesn't reflect your goodness and truth.

May we be prepared and ready

to share the good news with others in Jesus' name. Amen

Matthew 21: 1-17 (NET Bible) Reader: Agnes Ovenstone

Now when they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Right away you will find a donkey tied there, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet:

"Tell the people of Zion, 'Look, your king is coming to you, unassuming and seated on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.""

So the disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those following kept shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" As he entered Jerusalem the whole city was thrown into an uproar, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Then Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all those who were selling and buying in the temple courts, and turned over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. And he said to them, "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are turning it into a den of robbers!"

The blind and lame came to him in the temple courts, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the experts in the law saw the wonderful things he did and heard the children crying out in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became indignant and said to him, "Do you hear what they are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of children and nursing infants you have prepared praise for yourself'?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and spent the night there.

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SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: Living bread

Watch video at: https://youtu.be/TIFG1Z2S- s

Living Bread in mercy broken, Jesus' body for our need; we give thanks as we receive it for this bread is life indeed.

Cup of wine, the blood of Jesus, poured out freely for our sin; as we drink we know forgiveness for this cup has grace within.

Loving saviour, bread of heaven, here you meet us with your grace; daily may we know your presence and abide in you always.

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VIDEO: "Body and Blood and Bread and Wine"

Watch video at: <u>https://youtu.be/v2uT5Fj74J0?list=PLp93jZM_s8cvZjPijC9tWnItug3J--Vws</u> Dramakirk, from Rob Harman's "Rhyming Bible", published by SPCK & performed under licence.

HOLY COMMUNION: THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Why do we come to this table?

We come to this table because of Jesus' command and invitation. In remembrance of him, Jesus tells us to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith and to keep doing so until he comes again. **How is this meal different from all others?** In this supper God tells us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross where his body was broken and his blood was shed. God also tells us that the Holy Spirit makes us one with Christ, and is Christ and with all others Christians.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, you made this world marvellous for us to enjoy. You gave Jesus to be our Saviour, Lord, and friend, and to bring us to you. You send your Spirit to make us one family in Christ. We thank you for your kindness to us and your goodness to all, We thank you that you showed your love by sending your Son, who gave his life for us, and rose again from death, and lives to pray for us forever. We thank you that he has taken away all that separates us from you, and has made us friends with you and with one another. We thank you that he has brought us together at this table, to strengthen us by his love. Send your Holy Spirit on us, to bless these gifts of bread and wine to us, that we may know Christ's presence with us, real and true, and be his faithful followers. showing your love for the world. 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 SHARING

Why do we eat the bread?

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. We remember and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Why do we drink the cup?

The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. We remember and believe that the blood of our Lord Jesus was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

THE PEACE (using British Sign Language) The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

HYMN: High in the heavens

Watch video at: <u>https://youtu.be/cP35jLndM5g</u>

High in the heavens, exalted, name above all other names, Lord over all of creation, worthy of power and praise. Blessing and honour and glory are his eternal reward; let every knee bow before him and every tongue say he is Lord.

Jesus, you are exalted and glorified. Jesus, name above all names, we'll lift you high.

Clothed in the splendour of heaven, Jesus, eternally God, emptied yourself, came as nothing, choosing the road to the cross. Lord, you were found in our likeness, shedding your glory to serve; humble, not claiming advantage, you laid down your life for the world.

Jesus, you are exalted and glorified. Jesus, name above all names, we'll lift you high.

Let us be found in your likeness, learning to serve as you served, filled with your Spirit, your fullness, the fragrance of grace on the earth. You love the heart that is humble, you desire worship that's true; voices that sing for your glory and lives that bring honour to you. *Jesus, you are exalted and glorified. Jesus, name above all names, we'll lift you high.*

Saviour, all of creation will bow in awe. Jesus, from every nation we'll call you Lord, to the glory of God.

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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 Sunday: Easter Day: Jesus our Risen Saviour

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http://www.stmungos.freeuk.com/

or on

www.penicuikchurchestogether.org.uk

For something slightly different, have a look at

the PCT YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEN-c0cg1KVr_AnbuggtoYw

Something new to think about every morning this week!