

# **Welcome** to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 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. To join in the whole service, follow the link <https://youtu.be/FzVGAZHyXYA> or on our website: [www.stmungos.freeuk.com](http://www.stmungos.freeuk.com) . If you would like to listen to just the sermon and a prayer, dial **01968 700121**; after about 20 seconds' silence, 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: Bring it all to me**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/-6HFpSfLuXg>

Anything excited, anything inspired,  
bring it all, bring it all to me;  
everything that's lazy, everything that's tired,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.

Anything that rages, anything that screams,  
bring it all, bring it all to me;  
everything that wonders, everything that dreams,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.

*You can bring me anything, you can bring me everything--  
just bring it all, bring it all to me.*

Anything that's easy, anything that's hard,  
bring it all, bring it all to me;  
everything that's perfect, everything that's scarred,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.

Anything you're proud of, anything you're not,  
bring it all, bring it all to me;  
everything you're hiding, everything you've got,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.

*You can bring me anything, you can bring me everything--  
just bring it all, bring it all to me.*

I know how you feel, because I know you.  
I know how you feel, because I made you.

Anything that matters, anything that's real,  
bring it all, bring it all to me;  
everything you treasure, everything you feel,  
bring it all, bring it all to me.

*You can bring me anything, you can bring me everything--  
just bring it all, bring it all to me.*

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Video and singers from Ferryhill Parish Church*

## **PRAYER**

Father God,  
in all the uncertainties of life,  
we thank you that we can depend on you:  
you're always good, always merciful and always faithful.

We thank you for the assurance  
that, whatever may confront us,  
your love will go on reaching out,  
your hand go on supporting,  
and your purpose go on being fulfilled.

Help us to truly believe that,  
not just in our minds but in our hearts,  
to put our trust wholly in you,  
confident that you will never fail us.

Help us to let go of the fears and anxieties  
that weigh us down, that hold us back,  
that destroy our confidence and undermine our happiness,  
that alienate us from one another  
and prevent us living life to the full.

Help us to receive the freedom you offer,  
the freedom that comes from knowing  
you hold all things in your hands  
and that nothing can finally separate us from your love.

Give us the peace Jesus promised to all who follow him,  
the knowledge that we needn't be troubled or afraid,  
for you are with us, watching over us now and always.

We ask for a surer grip on Christ's promises,  
and a firmer trust in Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

*Adapted from a prayer by Nick Fawcett.*

## **THE STORY SO FAR**

While King Saul has been desperately seeking supernatural guidance, and the Philistine armies have moved into position to attack Israel, David and his men have been far to the south engaged in pursuing the unknown raiding party that had taken away their wives and children to be sold as slaves.

Unlike Saul, David finds strength and guidance from the Lord, and eventually recovers all that has been lost, through a providential encounter with an Egyptian slave left behind to die by his Amalekite owner. They treat the slave with kindness and with the information he provides are able to overtake the nomadic raiders and defeat them.

Returning to the remainder of his men, David settles a dispute about the spoils of war, that marks him out as a future king and legislator for Israel.

Meanwhile, to the north, Saul's last battle has begun. Things are looking bleak, not only for Saul, but for Israel.

## **BIBLE READINGS**

**Reader: Ian Dickson**

### **1 Samuel 31: 1-13 (NET)**

Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel. The men of Israel fled from the Philistines and many of them fell dead on Mount Gilboa. The Philistines stayed right on the heels of Saul and his sons. They struck down Saul's sons Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malki-Shua. Saul himself was in the thick of the battle; the archers spotted him and wounded him severely.

Saul said to his armour-bearer, "Draw your sword and stab me with it! Otherwise these uncircumcised people will come, stab me, and torture me." But his armour-bearer refused to do it, because he was very afraid. So Saul took his sword and fell on it.

When his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his own sword and died with him. So Saul, his three sons, his armour-bearer, and all his men died together that day.

When the men of Israel who were in the valley and across the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned the cities and fled. The Philistines came and occupied them.

The next day, when the Philistines came to strip loot from the corpses, they discovered Saul and his three sons lying dead on Mount Gilboa. They cut off Saul's head and stripped him of his armour. They sent messengers to announce the news in the temple of their idols and among their people throughout the surrounding land of the Philistines. They placed Saul's armour in the temple of the Ashtoreths and hung his corpse on the city wall of Beth Shan.

When the residents of Jabesh Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul, all their warriors set out and travelled throughout the night. They took Saul's corpse and the corpses of his sons from the city wall of Beth Shan and went to Jabesh, where they burned them. They took the bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh; then they fasted for seven days.

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### **1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (CEV)**

My friends, I want you to know that our bodies of flesh and blood will decay. This means that they cannot share in God's kingdom, which lasts forever. I will explain a mystery to you. Not every one of us will die, but we will all be changed. It will happen suddenly, quicker than the blink of an eye. At the sound of the last trumpet the dead will be raised. We will all be changed, so that we will never die again. Our dead and decaying bodies will be changed into bodies that won't die or decay. The bodies we now have are weak and can die. But they will be changed into bodies that are eternal. Then the Scriptures will come true,

*"Death has lost the battle!*

*Where is its victory?*

*Where is its sting?"*

Sin is what gives death its sting, and the Law is the power behind sin. But thank God for letting our Lord Jesus Christ give us the victory!

My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile.

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### **SHORT ADDRESS**

## **HYMN: Who Is Like You?**

Watch video <https://youtu.be/ywtFUo7ZJjc>

Son of Man and Son of God,  
perfect life and perfect love.

Jesus, Jesus.

The God of Life who takes on death,  
triumphs with a final breath.

Jesus, Jesus.

Who is like you? Who beside you  
gives their life to save the sinner?

Jesus.

Who can fathom love that ransoms?

Pays the debt to give us freedom?

Jesus.

Reigning now and lifted high,  
seated at the father's side.

Jesus, Jesus.

One day coming back again,  
when your kingdom will not end.

Jesus, Jesus.

*[Bridge]*

You conquered the grave and you rescued us,  
the Son of God, you reign.

The victory of your eternal love:

the Son of Man, you save.

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## **HOLY COMMUNION: THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **CONFESSION**

God of our hidden depths,  
in honest regret, in humble trust,  
we confess our faults and recognise our frailty.

Show us that we are forgiven

so that we may forgive.

Touch our wounds with your healing

so that we may be people who heal.

Help us to be at peace with ourselves

so that we may become makers of your peace for others,

through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world. **Amen.**

## **FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE AND COMMAND**

So now we do as Jesus did and commanded us to do.  
We take this bread and wine (the ordinary things of the world)  
which Christ, in his own way, will make special,  
and as he prayed before sharing, let us pray:

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Praise be to you, our Father,  
for your Son Jesus Christ.  
He walked with his disciples, taught them  
and shared meals with them.  
He lived and died for love of us,  
and, after rising from the dead,  
he wonderfully met with his disciples.  
He ascended into heaven  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit  
he is with us now.  
Therefore, we join the saints and angels,  
echoing your praise throughout the world and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

As we remember his death on the cross,  
his sacrifice made once for all to save us,  
we rejoice in his living presence.  
Send your Holy Spirit to us, that the bread that we break  
and the cup that we bless may be to us  
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Unite us with him and with all God's people in heaven and 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 SHARING

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*(the bread is broken)*

We take this wine to share in the Blood of Christ.

*(the cup is raised)*

We believe that he who lived,  
died and rose again for us  
will meet us here.

Jesus said: 'This is my body. It's given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

*(we eat the bread)*

Jesus said: 'This cup is the new relationship with God  
made possible because of my death.

Drink it, all of you, to remember me.'

*(we drink the cup)*

## THE PEACE *(using British Sign Language)*

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

## HYMN: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

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

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Translator: Richard Birch Hoyle; Author: Edmond Budry (1904) Video: ianbritton.co.uk  
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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 Service (Joint church of Scotland service)**

**Theme: Sharing Resources**

**(led by the Rev Graham Astles, Penicuik North Church)**