

Sunday 2nd May 2021



One of a series of joint services
for the Church of Scotland
congregations in the town,
on the theme of



This act of worship has been prepared to allow us all to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it. This morning we focus on the habit of *worship*. We thank all 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, you'll find it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmuXOLEVWPU>

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. NB The phone recording of the sermon is an abridged version – the full sermon is available on YouTube.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Rev Graham Astles, PNK)

SONG: Come, now is the time to worship

Watch this on video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doOVqKQo3lo>

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

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WELCOME

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Ending with The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come;
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Strengthen us through the trials of temptation,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

VIDEO SHORTS: "What does worship mean for you?"

Vicky Nicholson; Sheena Dawe (PSKH)

SONG: Your name

Watch a version on video at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7CFr8w9z38&list=RDZ7CFr8w9z38&start_radio=1&rv=Z7CFr8w9z38&t=20

As morning dawns and evening fades,
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from Earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name.
Your Name is a strong and mighty tower.
Your Name is a shelter like no other.
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder.
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name.

Jesus, in Your Name we pray:
Come and fill our hearts today;
Lord, give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name.

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower.
Your Name is a shelter like no other.
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder
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BIBLE READINGS

Reader: Mary Lothian (PNK)

REVELATION 7:9-12

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen."

JOHN 4:21-24

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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SERMON: "WORSHIP" (Graham Astles)

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(David Hogg, PStM)

Your psalmists caught the joyous wonder of it, Lord -

the heavens *declaring your glory*,
and you, their creator, *clothed with splendour and majesty*.
We, too, are moved by the beauty and mystery of your creation:
and our hearts are compelled to worship.
We thank you that you haven't remained distant.
You came to your people Israel,
and they worshipped you in tabernacle and temple.
You came among us in Jesus.
And *he* is *our* temple now - the temple of an Easter people!
In him we have worshipped -
in kirks and cathedrals,
in huts and halls and people's homes,
and wherever folk, with access to none of these,
have gathered in praise.
Thank you, Lord, for all who built and furnished our sanctuaries,
for all who crafted beautiful liturgies,
for poets and musicians,
for preachers who have interpreted the scriptures with insight and clarity.
Lord Jesus Christ, remind us that we worship not just with our lips,
but with our whole lives.
Take us with you out of the sanctuary into our community here.
Take us with you when you go among the anxious and the sorrowing,
when you engage with those, whom others would ignore,
when you supply physical or spiritual nourishment and healing,
when you patiently listen to folks' stories and complaints,
or stop to share a meal or a drink or a joke.
Lord Jesus, go where we can't go -
go to places where the Covid crisis is acute,
especially Brazil and India,
Comfort those who are suffering
and bless the work of all who are trying to bring relief.
Father in heaven, this Sunday we pray especially for all
who will be elected to the Scottish Parliament:
may they serve with integrity, wisdom and humility.
And our prayers are in Jesus' name. **Amen**

SONG: I will offer up my life

Watch a video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQkzHwz2eLE>

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to you.
In surrender I must give my every part.
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.

Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.
This thankful heart, this thankful heart.

You deserve my every breath, for You've paid the great cost:
Giving up your life to death, even death on a cross.

You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin.
Opened up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in.

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Matt Redman

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BENEDICTION, finishing with
.....and all God's people said: **"Amen"**

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The following congregations were involved in this service:

- PNK: Penicuik North
- PSH: Penicuik South with Howgate
- StM: Penicuik St Mungo's

Next KIP service: Sunday June 6th