

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



30th JANUARY 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 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, <https://youtu.be/aHt3lofx0E>

follow the link which you'll also find on our website: www.stmungos.freeuk.com .

And 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.

INTROIT: If I speak words of wisdom

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

If I speak words of wisdom, inspired from above,
if I fathom the mysteries of life,
and my faith moves a mountain, but I don't have love,
I'm as dead as a river run dry.

*So I will remain in the love of my Lord
and cling like a branch to the vine.*

*I'll walk in his footsteps and live by his word,
and I will remain,*

I will remain in his love.

I could give all I have to the needy and poor,
I could suffer for every good cause,
yet, if my life is loveless, then I've fallen short
of the fruitfulness God made me for.

So I'll look to the Saviour and follow his lead,
every day, as I lay down my life.

And I'll love in response to the love I've received,
bearing fruit to the glory of Christ.

WELCOME to our worship this morning.

Our two congregations are making progress on forming a new church: a union of St Mungo's and Penicuik South & Howgate.

We are on schedule for this to happen before Easter. A draft Basis of Union document (which legally unites the congregations) should be approved by the Kirk Sessions of both churches on Tuesday 1 February.

The whole congregation of each church (both members and adherents) are asked to vote on the Union after their morning services (which will be conducted separately) on **Sunday 13 February**. Look out for further details on either of our websites, and please do come to vote on the day.

We invite you to join us on Sunday evenings from Jan 30th, at 7.15pm in St Mungo's Hall, to pray about the journey we're on as churches and as Christians together.

We'd like to commit ourselves to praying about the Union, and so be changed by God, to find new vision and new friends, to share and be surprised by God in prayer, as God leads us into greater, fresher visions of what God has for this community.

We aim, under God, to be a congregation that recognises the importance of developing positive patterns of church life for the future and building a church that is:

- **multigenerational**, with all generations finding a meaningful place in the church family;
- **mission-focused**, reaching out to those in the community;
- **pastorally attentive**, ensuring that members are nurtured and supported in faith and life.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Hebrews 12: 28-29*)

Leader: Let's be thankful that we are a part of an unshakeable Kingdom.

**All: Let's serve and worship in a way that's pleasing to God
with respect and awe,
for our God is like a fierce fire that consumes everything.**

HYMN: We Are One

Watch video <https://youtu.be/sBKKZtpF9po>

Sister, let me wipe your tears.

Brother, let me bear your fears.

Come on, every daughter, every son,
let us walk in love for we are one.

Though we walk a long and broken road,
we are here to bear each other's load,
and forgive as you've forgiven us.

Let us walk in love for we are one.

*We are one in the Father's love,
we of every tribe and every tongue.*

*We are found in the risen Son;
we are bound together by his blood.
Let us walk in love for we are one.*

There's a love that conquers all divides;
there's a love that paid the greatest price,
for the battle over death is won.
Now alive in Christ we live as one.

On the day you come to call us home,
with the multitude before the throne.
Now with all the saints who've overcome,
for eternity we'll sing as one.

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PRAYER

O God our Father, we praise you for your amazing love,
that while we were still sinners you gave your Son for us.

We thank you that you've called us together
as part of the great family of your people.

We praise you that through Jesus Christ
we've become a chosen people,
a group of royal priests, a holy nation,
a people who belong to you:

We're a people who've been brought out of darkness into light.
and called to speak of the great and good things
that you've done for us.

Lord, we confess that sometimes we can hardly believe
what you want to do in us and through us.

Forgive us and enable us confidently to call you 'our Father'
to be obedient to you, to seek your wisdom and guidance,
to accept your fatherly discipline and trust your promises.

Help us to learn again what it means to be your people.

Teach us to show your love and care
in all our dealings with one another.

Father, send your Holy Spirit on us
so that it's not just our work alone but yours.

May we be encouraged through being with you
and being with one another.

So may your people in Penicuik and in every place,
grow and flourish to the glory of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Based on a prayer by Nick Fawcett

THE STORY SO FAR

David has become ruler of all the tribes of Israel and he has established a new capital in Jerusalem. He is now intent on bringing the ark of the covenant back to his capital.

BIBLE READINGS

2 Samuel 6: 1-23 (NIV-UK)

Reader: Agnes Ovenstone

David again brought together all the able young men of Israel – thirty thousand. He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, tambourines, rattles and cymbals.

When they came to the threshing-floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God.

Then David was angry because the Lord's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

David was afraid of the Lord that day and said, 'How can the ark of the Lord ever come to me?' He was not willing to take the ark of the Lord to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed him and his entire household.

Now King David was told, 'The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.' So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart.

They brought the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord. After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, 'How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!'

David said to Michal, 'It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord's people Israel — I will celebrate before the Lord. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honour.'

And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

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DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE: "Mrs David, HRH"

Reader: Joyce Maclean

He's the best dancer I've ever seen. Seriously. A raw talent with a hidden gift.

It's the way each body part moves in complete independence of the others.

The way he's immaculately out of time with the music. The way his sweat lands on the spectators. The way he loses his balance with successful regularity.

The way he endangers every unfortunate soul who gets too near.

After everything I've done for him, this is how I'm repaid.

It was worse than the proverbial dad at a wedding. It was humiliating.

Flinging his limbs about. It's a mercy they're well attached.

I used to love him. I was devoted to him. Now, everything he does irritates the hell out of me. I'm the daughter of a king. I'm used to certain standards of behaviour — corruption and murder, and other shows of power. Not idiotic dancing and debasement. Leaping like some demented frog. He abandoned all thoughts of dignity, all thoughts of . . . me.

He forgets I put my neck on the block to save his life. He escaped death thanks to me. Then he was away so long that my father set me up with one of his cronies and, considering I was an abandoned wife, it was my best option. I settled. We were happy in an everyday kind of way. He adored me. But then a few political operations later and David is king. Of course, he had to demand me back at his side as a matter of honour. Poor Paltiel wept and followed me all the way there like a puppy. Pathetic as it was, I preferred it to this.

David's still a boy. 'I don't care,' he shrugged. 'I was dancing for the Lord, and it won't be the last time. It won't even be the worst time. I'll make even more of a fool of myself in my own eyes and yours. But I'll be honoured for it — for putting God first and praising him for what he's done for me and for all Israel.'

Oh well, that's all right, then. That's made you shoot right up in my estimation. You go for it, whenever you want. You just get out there and show them how their king cares not a hoot for his reputation, and your public displays of lunacy shall win my respect

for ever. I hate him. I hate him. The view from the window was bad enough; I couldn't bear the thought of getting any closer. When we spoke afterwards, I felt my skin crawling.

This must be what it feels like. A hollow emptiness in the pit of me. The end of love. As he walked away, I knew the back of him is all I'll see from now on. I'm not sorry. I've got this permanently running flashback of his face. Eyes closed. Wild grin. And his naked joy.

What has he got to be joyful about? He's a fool. With two left feet.

From: *The Word of the Wives* by Abby Guinness & Michele Guinness (Publisher: Authentic; 2010)

Hebrews 10: 19-25 (CEV)

Reader: Margaret Black

My friends, the blood of Jesus gives us courage to enter the most holy place by a new way that leads to life! And this way takes us through the curtain that is Christ himself.

We have a great high priest who is in charge of God's house. So let's come near God with pure hearts and a confidence that comes from having faith. Let's keep our hearts pure, our consciences free from evil, and our bodies washed with clean water. We must hold tightly to the hope that we say is ours. After all, we can trust the one who made the agreement with us. We should keep on encouraging each other to be thoughtful and to do helpful things. Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer.

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HYMN: O Holy Spirit, come to bless (Tune: St Columba)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/EKQ6fpglHXg>

O Holy Spirit, come to bless
your waiting church, we pray:
we long to grow in holiness
as children of the day.

Great Gift of our ascended king,
his saving truth reveal,
our tongues inspire his praise to sing,
our hearts his love to feel.

O come, creator Spirit, move
as on the formless deep;
give life and order, light and love,
where now is death or sleep.

We offer up to you, O Lord,
ourselves to be your throne,
our every thought and deed and word
to make your glory known.

O Holy Spirit, Lord of might,
through you all grace is given:
grant us to know and serve aright
one God in earth and heaven.

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SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: Lord Jesus Christ

Watch video: <https://youtu.be/7wZoZM6LEeE>

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
you are one with us, Mary's son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in.
Jesus our love for you we sing—
living Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day
teach us how to pray, Son of God;
you have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through—
living Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, we would come to you,
live our lives for you, Son of God;
all your commands we know are true,
your many gifts will make us new:
into our lives your power breaks through—
living 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: In Christ alone my hope is found

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

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all –
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am Yours and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death –
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home –
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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THE BLESSING

As you have come to Christ,
now go with him and for him,
and may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
remain with you always. **Amen**

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Next Sunday 6 February
The First Mark of Mission: *Telling*
Led by The Rev Graham Astles
(To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom)