

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



TRINITY SUNDAY SUNDAY 30th MAY 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, <https://youtu.be/IIKAwMqoNBU>

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

If you would like to listen to just the sermon and a prayer, dial [01968 700121](tel:01968700121). 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: This I Believe (The Apostles' Creed)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/cRTFSKbfaL0>

Our Father everlasting,

The all creating One,

God Almighty,

Through Your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son,

Jesus our Saviour.

*I believe in God our Father;
I believe in Christ the Son;
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
Our God is three in one.
I believe in the resurrection,
That we will rise again,
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.*

Our Judge and our Defender,
Suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You.

Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life,
Forever seated high.

I believe in God our Father.....

I believe in You.
I believe You rose again.
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I believe in life eternal.
I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in God our Father.....

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PRAYER

God of love,
we rejoice today that you care for each one of us,
as a father yearns for his child to come back again,
that you want to share with everyone your gift of life
and lead us into a living, loving relationship with you.

God of grace,
we bless you for showing your love so wonderfully in Jesus,
through his humble birth, his ministry of service,
above all through his death for us on the cross,
his resurrection and glorious exaltation.

We thank you that, if we confess our sins to you,
we can know the forgiveness of our sin through Jesus.

(A short time of quiet)

God of power,
we thank you for continuing to bless us each day
through your Holy Spirit,
nurturing our faith, renewing our vision,
guiding our footsteps and equipping us for service.

Accept now our worship, in all its weakness,
and our discipleship, in all its frailty.

Speak to us today,
so that we may understand and experience
more of your love, and share it with others;
that we might reflect more of your goodness in our world
and live with more of your power in our daily lives
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hear our prayer. **Amen.**

Based on prayers by Nick Fawcett.

THE STORY SO FAR

David, through faith in God, doesn't just see the contest between Philistia and Israel as a battle between a technologically superior force and the ill-equipped Israelite arm. He also sees that Goliath, the Philistine champion, is defying and insulting, not just Israel, but the armies of the Living God. David by faith sees a larger picture than King Saul does or anyone else on the field that day.

So God uses David, through his faith, to defeat the Philistine warrior, with a powerful but unexpected weapon that he has used many times before, as a shepherd looking after his father's sheep. He defeats Goliath with a sling and without a sword. Such actions cannot fail to attract attention and devotion, at first from King Saul, then from the crown prince Jonathan, and gradually from all Israel....

BIBLE READINGS: 1 Samuel 17:57 - 18:14 (NLT)

Reader: Gordon Macdonald

As soon as David returned from killing Goliath, Abner brought him to Saul with the Philistine's head still in his hand. "Tell me about your father, young man," Saul said. And David replied, "His name is Jesse, and we live in Bethlehem."

After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home. And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself. Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.

Whatever Saul asked David to do, David did it successfully.

So Saul made him a commander over the men of war, an appointment that was welcomed by the people and Saul's officers alike.

When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul. They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals. This was their song:

“Saul has killed his thousands,
and David his ten thousands!”

This made Saul very angry. “What’s this?” he said. “They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they’ll be making him their king!” So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

The very next day a tormenting spirit from God overwhelmed Saul, and he began to rave in his house like a madman. David was playing the harp, as he did each day. But Saul had a spear in his hand, and he suddenly hurled it at David, intending to pin him to the wall. But David escaped him twice. Saul was then afraid of David, for the Lord was with David and had turned away from Saul. Finally, Saul sent him away and appointed him commander over 1,000 men, and David faithfully led his troops into battle.

David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the Lord was with him.

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James 3: 13-18 (NIRV)

Reader: Heather Nicholas

Is anyone among you wise and understanding? That person should show it by living a good life. A wise person isn’t proud when they do good deeds.

But suppose your hearts are jealous and bitter. Suppose you are concerned only about getting ahead. Then don’t brag about it. And don’t say no to the truth. Wisdom like this doesn’t come down from heaven. It belongs to the earth. It doesn’t come from the Holy Spirit. It comes from the devil. Are you jealous? Are you concerned only about getting ahead? Then your life will be a mess. You will be doing all kinds of evil things. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is pure. That’s the most important thing about it. And that’s not all. It also loves peace. It thinks about others. It obeys. It is full of mercy and good fruit. It is fair. It doesn’t pretend to be what it is not. Those who make peace plant it like a seed. They will harvest a crop of right living.

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SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: Jesus, lead us to the Father

Watch video at: <https://youtu.be/pUSbgFc WXw>

Jesus, lead us to the Father; by your Spirit, help us draw near.

As we come with awe and gladness, help us draw near.

Alleluia, alleluia, help us draw near.

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HOLY COMMUNION: THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Therefore, brothers and sisters,
since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place
by the blood of Jesus,
by a new and living way
opened for us through the curtain,
that is, his body,
and since we have a great priest
over the house of God,
let us draw near to God with a sincere heart
and with the full assurance that faith brings,
having our hearts sprinkled
to cleanse us from a guilty conscience
and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10: 19-22

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

Gracious God,
we're reminded at this table of how much you love us,
how far you were prepared to go on our behalf,
how total a sacrifice you made in Christ.
We come to celebrate the extent of your love
in taking on human flesh,
how you went the whole way
in surrendering your only Son,
enduring death and agony on the cross.
Remind us once more
through the bread and the wine we'll share,
the words we'll hear and the prayers we'll make,
of all you've done and all you've given.
Help us in return to give our all to you.
So, send now your Spirit among us
and on this bread and wine,
that we may taste and see your goodness,

be embraced by your love,
and be engaged in your service
until Christ comes again.

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

As Jesus did, so we do.

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 My song is love unknown

Watch video: <https://youtu.be/7CPlrA1CMwo>

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake,
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow:
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

My Song Is Love Unknown, Emu Music, Samuel Crossman, CCLI Song No: 2399704

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, June 6th:

Holy Habits: Signs and Wonders

The following week, June 13th:

Saul's jealousy turns more murderous

