

Sunday 3rd October 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 signs and wonders.

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, <https://youtu.be/qJOFnAK67nl>

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.

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

INTROIT: Let your living water flow

Watch video <https://youtu.be/IYmK3mGqrD0?list=PL6-We14jdo0QAGkQAw7Bz3rPhLZXAUgEE>

Let your living water flow over my soul.

Let your Holy Spirit come and take control
of every situation that has troubled my mind.

All my cares and burdens on to you I roll.

Spirit, Spirit, Spirit.

Come now, Holy Spirit, and take control,
hold me in your loving arms and make me whole.

Wipe away all doubt and fear and take my pride,
draw me to your love and keep me by your side.

Father, Father, Father.

Give your life to Jesus, let him fill your soul.
Let him take you in his arms and make you whole,
as you give your life to him, he'll set you free.

You will live and reign with him eternally.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

Father, Father, Father.

Spirit, Spirit, Spirit.

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WELCOME

(John Urquhart, StM)

HYMN: Jesus shall take the highest honour

Watch video <https://drive.google.com/file/d/115rdCFkP-jwSKmSKcJNYD5vY3yJtCkCZ/view?usp=sharing>

Jesus shall take the highest honour,
Jesus shall take the highest praise,
Let all earth join heaven in exalting
the name which is above all other names.

Let's bow the knee in humble adoration,
for at his name every knee must bow;
let every tongue confess he is Christ, God's only Son.
Sovereign Lord, we give you glory now.

For all honour and blessing and power
belongs to you, belongs to you.
All honour and blessing and power
belongs to you, belongs to you,
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God.

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Video: Mairi and John Bowlerwell with the praise band of Dunfermline East Church of Scotland

PRAYER

(John Urquhart, StM)

BIBLE READINGS

Reader: Fiona Hutcheson, StM

(read in church by Anne Hamilton, PSH)

Genesis 18: 1-8 (CEB)

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. He said, "Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant."

They responded, "Fine. Do just as you have said."

So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, "Hurry! Knead three seahs of the finest flour and make some baked goods!" Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. Then Abraham took

butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

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Luke 14: 1-14 (NIRV)

One Sabbath day, Jesus went to eat in the house of a well-known Pharisee. While he was there, he was being carefully watched. In front of him was a man whose body was badly swollen. Jesus turned to the Pharisees and the authorities on the law. He asked them, “Is it breaking the Law to heal on the Sabbath day?” But they remained silent. So Jesus took hold of the man and healed him. Then he sent him away.

He asked them another question. He said, “Suppose one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day. Wouldn’t you pull it out right away?” And they had nothing to say.

Jesus noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table. So he told them a story. He said, “Suppose someone invites you to a wedding feast. Do not take the place of honour. A person more important than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come to you. He will say, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then you will be filled with shame. You will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place. Then your host will come over to you. He will say, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honoured in front of all the other guests. All those who lift themselves up will be made humble. And those who make themselves humble will be lifted up.”

Then Jesus spoke to his host. “Suppose you give a lunch or a dinner,” he said. “Do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, or your relatives, or your rich neighbours. If you do, they may invite you to eat with them. So you will be paid back. But when you give a banquet, invite those who are poor. Also invite those who can’t see or walk. Then you will be blessed. Your guests can’t pay you back. But you will be paid back when those who are right with God rise from the dead.”

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SHORT ADDRESS: (John Urquhart, StM)

HYMN I, the Lord of sea and sky

Watch video <https://youtu.be/AG35D8Regh0>

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

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VIDEO SHORTS:

- **The Revd Nick Bowry (St James the Less) on helping refugees**
- **Elaine Jacobs (StM) on eating with people in Alpha**
- **Caroline Toms (PSH) on Renew 26 in Penicuik**

PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

(Graham Astles, PNK)

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of prayer and intercession where we can bring the needs of others to you.

Father, we pray for our world which seems to be facing so much strife and uncertainty at the moment. We ask that you would bring peace to those areas where conflict and oppression seem to reign. We lament that so much of this is caused by the violent

actions of people against other people for ideologies, politics or property. Lord, forgive us for this, and place peace in the hearts and minds of those who would bring war and violence.

We pray especially for those countries in the Middle East that have suffered so much over recent times. So we lift to you especially Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

We lift to you also those refugees who are coming to live in our communities; the folks from Afghanistan, and the two young men from Iraq. May they settle in well, and find a peaceful and prosperous life for themselves. Show us how we may help them, and lead us into the good works you plan for us to do.

As we think of our community, we pray for the friendships we have and those you are developing through us. We ask you would help us to be bold in sharing not only your love, but also your promise with those who do not know you. We ask you would put a hunger for your truth into the hearts of those who do not know you, and that ventures like Alpha would see the fruit of your word working in them as they come to faith and trust in you. Give them the gift of revelation that they may be able to respond freely to your invitation to life in all its fullness.

We pray too for Renew26 and all the potential that offers to care for folks who are finding life a bit more difficult than others. Lord, we ask you would knit the team together ever more strongly, and that you would smooth through the process of setting up, so this can be available to those who would be helped by it, in a timely way.

Lord, we ask for your grace and mercy to be poured out on our town, so people who do not know you would come to know you and receive your rescue for themselves and their families.

All this we pray, knowing you are able to do so much more than we can think or imagine, through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

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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A PARTING PRAYER

(John Urquhart, StM)

May the Son who redeems us,
the Spirit who renews us,
and the Father who receives us—
for so great is his love—
be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine upon us. **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
- and thanks to the Revd Nick Bowry, Rector, St James the Less

Next Sunday in St Mungo's:

King Ishbosheth is assassinated (2 Samuel 4)



Next KIP service: Sunday 7th November:

Making more disciples