

Sunday 7th February 2021



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



This morning's service is one of a series of joint services for the Church of Scotland congregations in the town. This act of worship has been prepared to allow us all to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it.

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://youtu.be/vuOVbaPgT4c>

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 sermon is an abridged version – the full sermon is available on YouTube.

INTROIT: We come to hear your word

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/UksWRuRUdj8>

We come to hear your word:
Lord, open up our hearts and lives again.
So let your voice be heard:
we're ready to receive this daily bread.

*Your word is truth and life to us,
so light the way.
As we believe your promises,
renew our faith.*

We come to hear your word:
let revelation shape our hearts anew.
We long to know you more:
come, Spirit, lead us deeper into truth.

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WELCOME

John Urquhart (StM)

Welcome to our joint service.

Today in our monthly series on Holy Habits,
we are looking at Bible Teaching.

Let's come in faith to God now:
the God who strengthens and encourages us.

HYMN: When you spoke

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

When you spoke, light overwhelmed the darkness;
when you spoke, the heavens gained their hue;
when you spoke, creation echoed, singing;
Lord, speak to me and I will follow you.

Lord, you spoke, through stone and fire and rainbow;
Lord, you spoke, through angels, dreams and dew;
Lord, you spoke, through prophets, kings and children;
Lord, speak to me and I will follow you.

*Open my ears, so I can truly listen,
open my mind, so I may understand.
Open my heart, so I can truly love you,
and live to follow You.*

When you spoke, your words commanded healing;
when you spoke, the wind and waves withdrew;
when you spoke, the twelve left all to follow;
Lord, speak to me and I will follow you.

Lord, you speak in power through your Spirit;
Lord, you speak by scripture's words of truth;
Lord, you speak through prayer and song and teaching;
Lord, speak to me and I will follow You.

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PRAYER

Sovereign Lord,
we thank you for your word, written in Scripture,
and handed down over many generations,
and embodied in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
We thank you that we hear your word in so many ways:
through reading, preaching and helpful conversation,
through Christian fellowship and worship,
through songs that come to mind in the night
or scriptures remembered in the bustle of the day,
or in the quiet of our hearts.

We thank you that your word is brought to life for us
by your Holy Spirit, working in us and through us.
Speak to us again and give us ears to listen.

Forgive us that we're sometimes slow to listen:
we allow the pressures and responsibilities of life
to crowd out the time we spend with you,
listening to your word in Scripture.

We sometimes don't expect you to challenge us,
or we feed on things which do not satisfy us.
Forgive us our carelessness and neglect.

Father, speak afresh through the pages of Scripture,
through the worship that we share,
and the experience and insight of other Christians.
May they be a means of grace to us,
to help to know you more fully,
to love you more dearly
and to love our neighbours as ourselves.

May the living presence of Christ in our hearts
bring us to live in that peace
to which Jesus calls us as one body. **Amen.**

Partly based on prayers by Nick Fawcett

WHAT MAKES THE BIBLE COME ALIVE FOR YOU?

Susan Wong (StM), Graham Astles (PNK), Liz Anderson (PSAH), Eunice Astles (PNK),
Bill Webster (StM), Caroline McIntosh (PSAH)

BIBLE READING: Colossians 3: 1-17**Reader: David Hogg (StM)**

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

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BIBLE READING: Acts 2: 36-42**Reader: Janis Hogg (StM)**

[Peter ends his address:] "All the people of Israel, then, are to know for sure that this Jesus, whom you crucified, is the one that God has made Lord and Messiah!"

When the people heard this, they were deeply troubled and said to Peter and the other apostles, "What shall we do, brothers?"

Peter said to them, "Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit. For God's promise was made to you and your children, and to all who are far away—all whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Peter made his appeal to them and with many other words he urged them, saying, "Save yourselves from the punishment coming on this wicked people!" Many of them believed his message and were baptized, and about three thousand people were added to the group that day. They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers.

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ADDRESS: John Urquhart (StM)

HYMN: St Paul's Song (1 Corinthians 13)

Watch a version of this at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duNHGBmZR50>

If I spoke with tongues of men
and spoke with tongues of angels,
if I could not speak with love,
I'd just be cymbals clanging.
And everyone would hold their ears:
they wouldn't want to listen
and not a soul would want to hear
the racket I was making.

If I spoke in prophecy
the fate of many nations,
if I knew all the mysteries,
the secrets of creation,
and had I all the faith I need,
enough for mountains moving,
but had no love to carry me—
what good would it do me.

Love is kind. It suffers long,
it isn't proud or jealous.
Love, it won't remember wrongs,
and love will never fail us.
It hopes, believes and bears all things:
will never be defeated.
But more than faith,
and more than hope,
love is the greatest.

Knowledge, prophecy will fade,
tongues will all fall silent,
but love effaces everything:
it's solid and defiant.
*I know it's hard to see these things,
as through a dark glass straining,
but when we're standing face to face
the truth won't need explaining.*

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Sung by Heather Heywood*

PRAYERS

Kathleen Downey (PSAH)

Father God,
we thank you for the Scriptures
and the opportunity we have
of reading and studying them for ourselves.

We thank you for the work of your Holy Spirit,
calling the words of Jesus to mind,
opening our hearts to the truth,
and leading us to an ever-deepening understanding
of everything Christ has achieved.

We pray for those who haven't heard the challenge of the Bible,
who don't possess a copy of it in their own language,
or who are denied the right to own a Bible or study it freely.

Lord, help them and supply their need.

We pray for those who have heard but closed their minds,
for those who read but don't understand
and need someone to explain it to them.

Lord, help them and supply their need.

We pray for our churches,
attempting to make known the love of Christ in this community.
We think especially of those who have oversight
and ask that you will give them
the faith and wisdom that they need.

Fill us all with your Holy Spirit.
work deep within us to cleanse, encourage,
empower and inspire to new deeds of faith and love.

Lord, help us and supply our need.

We pray for the world:
for peace and justice for all the peoples of Myanmar,
for peace, healing and reconciliation in the Central African Republic
and for justice and relief for the Uighur people in China.

Lord, help them and supply their need.

Father, we bring all our prayers to you in the name of Jesus,
through whom we have come to know and rely on you. **Amen.**

Partly based on prayers by Nick Fawcett

HYMN: Lord, for the years

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/MkTrFQLy6js>

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us—
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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A PARTING PRAYER

John Urquhart (StM)

Lord God,
the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Common Worship

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The following congregations were involved in this service:

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

Next KIP service: Sunday March 7th, with the theme 'Prayer'