

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



Sunday 8th August 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/TIHhBQCJO-Y> which is also on our website: www.stmungos.freeuk.com.

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: Christ be in my waking

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

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising,
in my day of working, with me every hour.
Christ be in my resting, as the day is ending,
calming and refreshing, watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking, and my understanding,
guarding me from evil, walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking, every word a blessing,
pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear.

*Jesus, this is my devotion, all my life to know you,
every day to walk with you. Saviour, you're my deepest longing,
you're the One I live for, teach me, Lord, to walk with you.*

Christ be in my gladness for the joy of living,
thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow, in my day of darkness,
knowing that I follow in the steps he trod.

Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to,
every pleasure jaded, every well is dry.
Christ the loving Shepherd draws me with his kindness,
leads me from the desert to the streams of life.

WELCOME to St Mungo's. Let us worship God.

HYMN: Fairest Lord Jesus

Watch video <https://youtu.be/SV-MCl64trk>

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation,
Jesus of God and man.

You will I cherish, you will I honour,
you are my soul's delight and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woods,
robed in the blooms of spring.

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
he makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair are the flowers, fair are the children,
beautiful in all their youth.

Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting.
Lord Jesus, yours will never fade.

Fair is the moonlight, fairer still the sunshine,
fair is the starry sky.

My Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines clearer
than all the heavenly host on high.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
Jesus, in you is found.

None can be nearer, fairer or dearer
than you my Saviour to me bound.

Coda (set to Thaxted):

I vow to you, my Saviour,
that where your feet have trod,
I will serve and follow faithfully,
my Master and my God!

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CALL TO PRAYER

Trust in God at all times, my people.
Tell him all your troubles, for he is our refuge.

Psalm 62:8 (GNB)

PRAYER

Gracious Father,
we thank you that we can come to you in prayer,
that for all your greatness, wonder, and holiness,
we can speak with you as to a friend.

We thank you that we can open our hearts to you,
that we can pour out our innermost souls
and share our deepest thoughts,
in the knowledge that you are there,
always ready to listen and understand.

Help us not to meet your apparent silence
with our own stubbornness.

Help us to wait for you, our God,
and to take refuge in your faithfulness
and in all your promises in Scripture.

So now once more we lay our lives before you:
the bad as well as the good,
the doubt as well as the faith,
the sorrow as well as the joy,
the despair as well as the hope.

Hear now our prayer.

We bring to you the anger as well as the peace,
the hatred as well as the love,
the confusion as well as the certainty,
the fear as well as the trust.

Hear now our prayer.

We bring to you the secret prayers of our hearts.

(Short time of quiet)

Speak to us today through what we hear and sing.
May we discover your renewing love in Jesus,
through the power of your Holy Spirit.
May your love and power free us to live
as you would have us live,
in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Adapted from a prayer by Nick Fawcett.

THE STORY SO FAR

David, with his band of outlaws and their families, has apparently defected to the Philistines and is performing an elaborate double-cross on Achish, King of Gath, making him believe David and his men are fighting against David's own tribe, Judah, while actually destroying their common enemies. The story breaks off with David placed in a dilemma. He is threatened with the prospect of having to fight side by side with the Philistines against Israel, right in the middle of the Philistine army, as King Achish's bodyguard. The storyteller leaves David there and fast-forwards to the night before the big battle, where Saul, terror-stricken by the vast army of the Philistines that he will have to meet very soon, is desperately seeking supernatural guidance.

BIBLE READINGS

1 Samuel 28: 3-25 (NIV)

Reader: Janis Hogg

Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land.

The Philistines assembled and came and set up camp at Shunem, while Saul gathered all Israel and set up camp at Gilboa. When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart. He enquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets. Saul then said to his attendants, 'Find me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go and enquire of her.'

'There is one in Endor,' they said.

So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. 'Consult a spirit for me,' he said, 'and bring up for me the one I name.'

But the woman said to him, 'Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?'

Saul swore to her by the Lord, 'As surely as the Lord lives, you will not be punished for this.'

Then the woman asked, 'Whom shall I bring up for you?'

'Bring up Samuel,' he said.

When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, 'Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!'

The king said to her, 'Don't be afraid. What do you see?'

The woman said, 'I see a ghostly figure coming up out of the earth.'

'What does he look like?' he asked.

'An old man wearing a robe is coming up,' she said.

Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.

Samuel said to Saul, 'Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?'

‘I am in great distress,’ Saul said. ‘The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has departed from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do.’

Samuel said, ‘Why do you consult me, now that the Lord has departed from you and become your enemy? The Lord has done what he predicted through me. The Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your neighbours – to David. Because you did not obey the Lord or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the Lord has done this to you today. The Lord will deliver both Israel and you into the hands of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.’

Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of Samuel’s words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and all that night. When the woman came to Saul and saw that he was greatly shaken, she said, ‘Look, your servant has obeyed you. I took my life in my hands and did what you told me to do. Now please listen to your servant and let me give you some food so that you may eat and have the strength to go on your way.’

He refused and said, ‘I will not eat.’

But his men joined the woman in urging him, and he listened to them. He got up from the ground and sat on the couch.

The woman had a fattened calf at the house, which she slaughtered at once. She took some flour, kneaded it and baked bread without yeast. Then she set it before Saul and his men, and they ate. That same night they got up and left.

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Acts 13: 6-12 (ISV)

Reader: David Hogg

[Barnabas and Saul] went through the whole island as far as Paphos, where they found a Jewish occult practitioner and false prophet named Bar-Jesus. He was associated with the proconsul Sergius Paulus, who was an intelligent man. He sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. But Elymas the occult practitioner (that is the meaning of his name) continued to oppose them and tried to turn the proconsul away from the faith. But Saul, also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked him straight in the eye and said, “You’re full of every form of deception and trickery, you son of the Devil, you enemy of all that is right! You’ll never stop perverting the straight ways of the Lord, will you? The Lord is against you now, and you’ll be blind and unable to see the sun for a while!” At that moment a dark mist came over him, and he went around looking for someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, because he was astonished at the Lord’s teaching.

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SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give:
he is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need, His power is displayed.

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven:
the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
and He was raised to overthrow the grave.

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated.
Jesus, now and ever, is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for He has said that He will bring me home,
and day by day I know He will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

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PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

Take strength from these words in Isaiah 41
which apply to you if you've taken refuge in Jesus Christ:

I took you from the ends of the earth,
from its farthest corners I called you.
I said, 'You are my servant';
I have chosen you and have not rejected you.
So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41: 9-10 (NIV)

Father God,
we thank you that we can bring everything to you
from the smallest things that affect us personally
to the big issues that affect people or that threaten our planet.
We thank you we don't have to carry the crises of the world alone;
you know, you understand, you care deeply,
and you are always at work to restore all things.

We pray for refugees around the world:
We remember the five million Venezuelans
who have fled the economic and political crisis that's devastated their country.
We pray for safe passage for them across the region.
Comfort and provide for them as they seek refuge.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We think of the hundreds of thousands of people in Afghanistan
who have left their homes because of rising political instability and violence.
We pray for peace and protection for the vulnerable,
and for strength and wisdom for humanitarian organisations working there.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, your Church is growing in many parts of the world,
but in most of the western world it's in retreat.
It sometimes grieves us and it must grieve you;
Father, cause us to feel your heart for the state of your Church.

Father, show us where we're going wrong,
where we should turn around,
and where we should concentrate our efforts.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the start of a vision for mission in and around Penicuik,
and that mission initiatives can be pursued on a town-wide basis.

Direct our thinking and turn it into wise action.

May all our conversations, formal and informal, be blessed by you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

All our prayers we ask in the name of Jesus,
and pray in his words:

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.

HYMN: Lord of the Church

Watch video <https://youtu.be/wT-TnUGpcCQ>

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:

Christ over all, our undivided aim.

Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,

wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!

We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,

the will that lacks the courage to be free,

the weary labours, all but unavailing,

to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing,

a true repentance and a faith restored,

a swift obedience and a new possessing,

filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!

We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,

unnumbered voices with a single prayer:

the living water for our souls' reviving,

in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his word.
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
one church triumphant one new song shall sing,
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

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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:

David's dilemma Part 2 (1 Samuel 29)