



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

The first in a series of joint services  
for the Church of Scotland congregations  
in the town  
on the theme of  
"The five marks of mission"

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, click <https://youtu.be/wYuBF0xpRrQ>

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.

### **ENTRY MUSIC: God's Spirit is in my heart**

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzi2q2m65mA>

God's Spirit is in my heart,  
He has called me and set me apart.  
This is what I have to do,  
what I have to do.

*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,  
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
Tell blind people that they can see,  
And set the downtrodden free  
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come,  
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come.*

Just as the Father sent me,  
So I'm sending you out to be  
My witnesses throughout the world,  
The whole of the world.

Don't worry what you have to say,  
Don't worry because on that day  
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,  
Will speak in your heart.

Words: v1 & refrain Alan T. Dale, vv 2-4 Hubert Richards. Music: Hubert Richards Sung by Matt Beckingham

## **WELCOME, INTRODUCTION and OPENING RESPONSES: Peter Wood**

God of the past,

God of our memories:

**We are here to thank you.**

God of the future,

God of our dreaming:

**We are here to trust you.**

God of the present,

God of our salvation:

**We are here to praise you.**

Faithful God,

You put a song in our hearts

And you offer hope to our deepest longings:

**So we are here to worship you**

**Father, Son & Holy Spirit.**

### **SONG: Hear the call of the kingdom**

Watch video: <https://youtu.be/5OdIpJZVs0A>

Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King,  
let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering,  
of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem  
all who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,  
with the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ.  
Walking justly before Him, loving all that is right,  
that the life of Christ may shine through us.

*King of Heaven, we will answer the call.*

*We will follow, bringing hope to the world,  
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
salvation in Jesus' name.*

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost,  
with the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross,  
bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come;  
let the nations put their trust in Him.

*King of Heaven, we will answer the call.*

*We will follow, bringing hope to the world,  
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
salvation in Jesus' name.*

## OPENING PRAYER

(John Urquhart StM)

Living God, Lord of heaven and earth,  
we recognise your greatness and your goodness.  
We rejoice in your love and compassion.

Come near to us today  
and help us to come near to you.  
Come to us by your Holy Spirit  
and help us to open our hearts to the risen Jesus.

Speak to us through our worship,  
and, through it, deepen our faith.

We praise you that there is so much  
that speaks to us of your love and purpose—  
so much in our daily lives,  
in the world around us,  
in the fellowship we share with one another,  
and in the relationship we enjoy with you,  
through which you teach and guide and challenge us.

Forgive us that sometimes we don't hear your voice,  
that often we don't want to hear  
or are afraid of what you'll say to us.  
Forgive us that sometimes we refuse to listen,  
that often we're closed to anything but our own ideas.

As we open the scriptures this morning,  
enable us to see your mission with new clarity.

Open our hearts  
to all the ways you are at work.

Open our minds  
to receive your truth more completely.

Help us to see the signs of your activity  
in our own lives and the lives of others.

Enable us to come gently and humbly alongside other people  
and to work and witness for you.

May others come to know you for themselves,  
because to know and experience you  
is life and salvation,  
through Jesus whom you have sent. **Amen.**

*Adapted from a prayer by Nick Fawcett*

## HYMN: Give thanks to the Lord (Forever)

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTSBnAHQGws>

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King:

His love endures forever.

For He is good, He is above all things:

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm

His love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever, God is faithful.*

*Forever, God is strong.*

*Forever, God is with us.*

*Forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun

His love endures forever.

By the grace of God, we will carry on:

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise

Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever, God is faithful*

*Forever, God is strong*

*Forever, God is with us*

*Forever, forever*

Sing praise, sing praise (x 4)

*Forever, God is faithful*

*Forever, God is strong*

*Forever, God is with us*

*Forever, forever*

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**“WHAT IS MISSION?” (Slide presentation, from members of our three congregations)**

## HYMN: Christ be our light

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B63zLFQmp3U>

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people.

Light for the world to see

*Christ, be our light.*

*Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light.*

*Shine in your church, gathered today*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light.*

*Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light.*

*Shine in your church, gathered today.*

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

Shared until all are fed.

*Christ, be our light.*

*Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light.*

*Shine in your church, gathered today.*

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*Sung by Chris Brunelle*

## BIBLE READINGS (NRSV)

**READER:** Mary Patterson (StM)

### Luke 4: 14-20

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them,

"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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## **REFLECTIONS (Peter Wood)**

### **RESPONSE: The Five Marks Prayer**

Lord, in you is found grace and truth.

For the *telling* of the great story of the gospel

**Grant us grace and words.**

For the *teaching* of hearts and minds

**Grant us grace and openness.**

For the *tending* to one another in love

**Grant us grace and perseverance.**

For the *transforming* of individual lives  
and of unjust situations

**Grant us grace and vision.**

For the *treasuring* of the earth

**Grant us grace and unity.**

**Lord be our guide, our wisdom, and our destination.**

**Amen**

## **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

Jim and Chris Black (PNK)

Let us pray.

Gracious God, as we begin the year with thanksgiving for all that you have provided in the year past, we turn to think about the year ahead in this town and in the world.

Let us pray for the creation.

We pray for this earth that is our home and a gift from you. Teach us to value it and to care for it. Teach us the ways that in our own lives we can ensure its health and avoid damaging it. We pray that in the way we live, and in our wealth creation and in industry, it is held in reverence.

Let us pray for peace and justice in the world.

We pray for the people of the world who do not have peace, and suffer injustice in their lives. We see their lack of peace in war; we despair at the lack of justice,

and poverty. We are filled with anguish when we see that the fruits of the earth are not shared equally – in food, and now in the distribution of COVID vaccine.

Let us pray for the displaced and the refugee.

We pray for those who have found it necessary to leave their homes because of hunger, wars or lack of opportunity. Protect them on their way from all the dangers that they must face, and bring them to a place of safety. Show us how we can help.

Let us pray for the governments of this world.

We pray that the good health and safety of the people of this world are at the centre of the actions of the governments. We pray for the end of corruption in all places and that the wealth of the nations is divided fairly and for the good of us all.

Let us pray for our own churches and the town.

We pray that we can serve the Gospel in each of our churches, setting out the way and the call of Jesus. We pray that in loving God and our neighbour as ourselves we can serve those in need of help, and give support to the various agencies and groups in the town. We pray that we can discern the way ahead for our churches in the time ahead, serving God and proclaiming the gospel in word and in deed.

In Jesus' name we pray,

**Amen**

### **CLOSING HYMN: Go forth and tell**

Watch video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNyDd9qtuk0>

Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!

God's saving news to all the nations take.

Proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king,  
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;

he will in grace respond to all who call.

How shall they call, if they have never heard  
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!

Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;

go till all nations his great name adore

and serve him, Lord and king for evermore.

*James Seddon (1915 - 1983)*

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### **CLOSING RESPONSES (Peter Wood)**

From what we know

To what we have yet to discover

**God is calling us on**

From all that binds us  
To the truth which frees us  
**God is calling us on**  
From the blessings of today  
To the possibilities of tomorrow  
**God is calling us on,**

**BLESSING** (John Urquhart)

May the blessing of God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you.

**Amen.**

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

**Next Sunday 16th<sup>th</sup> January in St Mungo's:**

**Morning service**

**David is now ruler over all Israel. What next?**



**Next KIP service: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February:**

**We continue our series on "The five marks of mission":**

**1. Telling (part 1)"**