

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



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, follow the link which you'll find on our website: www.stmungos.freeuk.com 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.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 10th MAY 2020

INTROIT: How lovely is thy dwelling-place (Psalm 84: 1-3)

Download video at: https://youtu.be/MyeCxB75_s

How lovely is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
The tabernacles of thy grace
how pleasant, Lord, they be!

My thirsty soul longs vehemently,
yea faints, thy courts to see:
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for thee.

Behold, the sparrow findeth out
an house wherein to rest;
The swallow also for herself
hath purchased a nest;

Even thine own altars, where she safe
her young ones forth may bring,
O thou almighty Lord of hosts,
who art my God and King.

The Scottish Psalter, 1929.

WELCOME

Welcome to St Mungo's and to our online service for the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

This service marks the start of Christian Aid Week. The usual events and the envelope collecting won't be happening this year. However, you can still give a donation via their website: www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week

We've also just passed the 75th anniversary of VE day when the Second World War in Europe came to an end. We remember those, today and then, who have risked their lives to serve others and we give thanks for God's grace to us in difficult times.

HYMN: God is our strength and refuge

Download video at: <https://youtu.be/5FpPgQiSNrk>

God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble,
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her--
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at his presence--
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our maker,
learn of his deeds all-powerful:
wars will cease across the world
when he shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator,
uplift him in the nations.
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

After Psalm 46, Richard Bewes (born 1934)

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A PRAYER WHILE WASHING OUR HANDS

In the Old Testament handwashing was a ritual act symbolising preparing people to worship and serve God. The priests had to wash both hands and feet before offering a sacrifice at the altar. (Exodus 30: 17-21)

With the Gospel comes the assurance that a complete cleansing of our conscience is available through the sacrificial death of Jesus. We're made acceptable to God and forgiven through Jesus, but we must be honest with God about anything wrong in our lives.

If we claim, "We have fellowship with [God]," and live in the darkness, we are lying and do not act truthfully.

But if we live in the light in the same way as he is in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin.

If we claim, "We don't have any sin," we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we've done wrong.

1 John 1: 5-10

Here we use the helpful practice of regular hand washing to remind us to step into in God's light:

God our Father,
as we turn on the tap
we turn our hearts towards you.

As we wet our hands
renew our thoughts,
so we might be transformed.

As we lather soap between our fingers
and over all our hands,
purge from us all that brings us harm
and might harm others.

Remove the invisible guilt and shame
that so often keeps us from you.

As we rinse our hands,
we trust in your overflowing grace in Jesus,
which makes all things new. **Amen.**

Prayer adapted from Christian Aid.

Bible extract from Common English Bible (CEB)

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SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 84, New English Translation (NET)

For the music director, according to the gittith style; written by the Korahites, a psalm.

How lovely is the place where you live,
O Lord of Heaven's Armies!
I desperately want to be
in the courts of the Lord's temple.
My heart and my entire being shout for joy
to the living God.

Even the birds find a home there,
and the swallow builds a nest,
where she can protect her young
near your altars, O Lord of Heaven's Armies,
my King and my God.
How blessed are those who live in your temple
and praise you continually. *(Selah)*

How blessed are those who find their strength in you,
and long to travel the roads that lead to your temple.
As they pass through the Baca Valley,
he provides a spring for them.
The rain even covers it with pools of water.
They are sustained as they travel along;
each one appears before God in Zion.

O Lord God of Heaven's Armies,
hear my prayer.
Listen, O God of Jacob. *(Selah)*
O God, take notice of our shield.
Show concern for your chosen king.

Certainly spending just one day in your temple courts is better
than spending a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather stand at the entrance to the temple of my God
than live in the tents of the wicked.
For the Lord God is our sovereign protector.
The Lord bestows favour and honour;
he withholds no good thing from those who have integrity.
O Lord of Heaven's Armies,
how blessed are those who trust in you.

HYMN: Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side

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Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall thou better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Kathrina von Schlegel (b.1697); Translated by Jane Borthwick (1813-1897)

SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: Be Thou my Vision

Download video at: <https://youtu.be/XiukM6WHQEQ>

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower;
raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, 8th century; translated by ME Byrne (1880-1931; revised by EH Hull (1860-1935)

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

Lord, you are our refuge and strength.
We come to you with open hands,
some of us with hearts full of questions,
some of us bruised by bereavement,
some of us fearful of what the future holds,
all of us stunned by the events of this year.
Draw close to us now in each of our homes
as we place our honest questions and hopes
into your open, resurrected, yet scarred hands.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear the cry of our hearts, Lord, silent and aloud,
for bereaved neighbours, near and far.
Comfort those pained by being absent,
and hold close those who are hurting alone.
Renew in us your resurrection hope
that while weeping lingers in this night,
joy will come with the morning.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for and with communities across the world
who are most vulnerable to coronavirus.
We pray for people living in refugee camps and city slums,
with limited sanitation facilities,
who are unable to wash their hands regularly,
and have little opportunity to isolate from others.
Let them find in you a refuge and a strength
and find through us a helping hand.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for Christian Aid's partners
working to provide soap and buckets,
communicating clear, accurate information,
raising the voices of the most vulnerable
and ensuring they are kept as safe as possible.
Inspire them in their work and keep them close to you.

Lord, in your mercy, hear all our prayers. Amen.

Adapted from Christian Aid.

THE BLESSING (heard only on the audio recording)

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face towards you
and give you peace. **Amen**

INTRODUCTION TO THE SUNG BLESSING (Video recording)

At this challenging time in the UK over 65 churches and movements (including a church in our own Presbytery of Lothian) have come together online to sing a blessing over our land. They represent many, many others.

The participants have said this: 'The church is not simply singing a blessing, each day we're looking to practically be a blessing. Many of the churches included in this song have assisted with supplying over 400,000 meals to the most vulnerable and isolated in our nation since the COVID-19 lockdown began. This alongside phone calls to the isolated, pharmacy delivery drops and hot meals to NHS frontline hospital staff.

'Our buildings may be closed but the church is very much alive.'

HYMN: The Blessing

Download video at: <https://youtu.be/PUtl3mNj5U>

VERSE 1

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face towards you
and give you peace.

CHORUS

Amen

BRIDGE 1

May His favour be upon you
and a thousand generations,
and your family and your children
and their children and their children.

BRIDGE 2

May His presence go before you,
and behind you, and beside you,
all around you and within you.
He is with you, He is with you.

BRIDGE 3

In the morning, in the evening,
in your coming, and your going,
in your weeping and rejoicing,
He is for you, He is for you.

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