

## **Welcome** to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



This act of worship has been prepared to allow us all to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it.

It is for you to use as you are able: some of you may wish simply to read it, whether silently or aloud. If you wish to listen, and even join in with the songs, just click on the links.

**GOOD FRIDAY: Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

### **INTROIT**

Download video at:

[https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/lamb\\_of\\_god\\_who\\_takes\\_away\\_the\\_sin\\_of\\_the\\_world](https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/lamb_of_god_who_takes_away_the_sin_of_the_world) [button]

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world* (repeat).

Despised, enduring rejection,  
a man of sorrow and grief,  
he was familiar with suffering.

*Lamb of God...*

He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet did not open his mouth;  
led like a lamb to the slaughter.

*Lamb of God...*

To bring us peace he was punished,  
and for our sins he was crushed;  
yet by his wounds we find healing.

*Lamb of God...*

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## **WELCOME and INTRODUCTORY WORDS**

Welcome to this short service on Good Friday,  
the day on which we remember Jesus dying upon the cross.

We remember that on this day our Lord was tried,  
before the religious courts and before the public courts.

In neither court did he receive a fair trial:  
he was flogged, mocked and condemned to death.

He was led out to Golgotha  
and at nine o'clock he was crucified.

At intervals he spoke the first three words from the cross.

From twelve until three, he endured the darkness of dereliction.

At three o'clock, having uttered the other four words from the cross,  
he bowed his head and died.

Last Good Friday, we read the account the Passion in one of the gospels.

This year, we're going to do things slightly differently. In our readings we'll  
focus on two scenes: Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane and his crucifixion.

## **SCRIPTURE SENTENCE**

**But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...**

*Galatians 6:12*

Who would want to *boast* in this degrading instrument of torture?

So why does St Paul boast in the cross?

It's because the most selfless act in history took place there,  
which restored our lost harmony with God and with ourselves.

The Christian preacher, Billy Graham, said:

*With my finite limitations, I cannot fully comprehend  
the mystery of Christ's atonement.*

*I only know that all who come to the cross in simple, trusting faith  
lose all their guilty stains and find peace with God.*

## **HYMN When I survey the wondrous cross**

Download video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EikGeNuoBA> (Traditional)

OR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhvXOIVsRv4> (Alternative tune)

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See! from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

### **PRAYER**

Father, help us not only to glimpse something of the suffering  
that Jesus went through,  
but help us learn to find glory in the cross  
to understand more fully  
the meaning it has for us as believers  
and for all who come to its foot and kneel in prayer.  
Let your word come to us  
with all the assurance that your Spirit gives.  
Let your Good News speak to the depths of our hearts.  
Reveal to us your power and wisdom  
and your great love for us and for the whole world  
through Jesus Christ, crucified for us. **Amen.**

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and became anguished and distressed. Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake with me."

Going a little farther, he threw himself down with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if possible, let this cup pass from me! Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "So, couldn't you stay awake with me for one hour? Stay awake and pray that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will must be done."

He came again and found them sleeping; they could not keep their eyes open. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same thing once more. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is approaching, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us go. Look! My betrayer is approaching!"

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### **HYMN I stand amazed in the presence**

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I stand amazed in the presence  
of Jesus the Nazarene,  
and wonder how he could love me,  
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvellous! how wonderful!  
and my song shall ever be;  
how marvellous! how wonderful!  
is my Saviour's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden  
he prayed, 'Not my will, but thine';  
he had no tears for his own griefs,  
but sweat drops of blood for mine.

*How marvellous! how wonderful!  
and my song shall ever be;  
how marvellous! how wonderful!  
is my Saviour's love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows;  
he made them his very own;  
he bore the burden to Calvary,  
and suffered and died alone.

*How marvellous! how wonderful!..*

When with the ransomed in glory  
his face I at last shall see,  
'twill be my joy through the ages  
to sing of his love for me.

*How marvellous! how wonderful!..*

*Chas. H. Gabriel (1856-1932)*

### **Matthew 27: 33-54**

### **New English Translation (NET Bible)**

They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull") and offered Jesus wine mixed with gall to drink. But after tasting it, he would not drink it.

When they had crucified him, they divided his clothes by throwing dice. Then they sat down and kept guard over him there. Above his head they put the charge against him, which read: "This is Jesus, the king of the Jews." Then two outlaws were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Those who passed by defamed him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who can destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are God's Son, come down from the cross!"

In the same way even the chief priests—together with the experts in the law and elders—were mocking him: "He saved others, but he cannot save

himself! He is the king of Israel! If he comes down now from the cross, we will believe in him! He trusts in God—let God, if he wants to, deliver him now because he said, ‘I am God’s Son!’”

The robbers who were crucified with him also spoke abusively to him.

Now from noon until three, darkness came over all the land. At about three o’clock Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, “Leave him alone! Let’s see if Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and gave up his spirit.

Just then the temple curtain was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks were split apart. And tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had died were raised. (They came out of the tombs after his resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.)

Now when the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and what took place, they were extremely terrified and said, “Truly this one was God’s Son!”

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## **ADDRESS**

### **HYMN Stricken, smitten, and afflicted**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qr7-fgX1CB0>

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!  
‘Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, ‘tis he, ‘tis he!  
‘Tis the long expected Prophet, David’s son, yet David’s Lord;  
by his Son God now has spoken: ‘tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?  
Friends thro’ fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress;  
many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;  
but the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great  
here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;  
'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;  
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

*Thomas Kelly, 1769-1854*

### **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

Heavenly Father,

We hold before you all those impacted by the coronavirus.

We ask your blessing on those treating and caring for them  
and all those whose work is hard or dangerous as a result.

Give them your truth and your strength to lean on.

We pray for those experiencing loneliness or mental distress  
through living in isolation from others or because of anxiety.

Bring your peace to troubled hearts.

We pray for your wisdom for all in leadership:

that they may guide us through this crisis.

We ask this for the sake of Jesus

who suffered, died and rose again for us. **Amen.**

### **HYMN Oh sisters and brothers**

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Oh sisters and brothers,  
be strong, do not lose heart,  
though you weep and you suffer  
and the road you walk is hard,  
let the grace of another  
become your path to peace:  
may Jesus hold you  
through your grief.

*Though weeping may come in the night  
there'll be joy in the morning  
when the taste of our tears  
is replaced with the feast of the Lord,  
and our enemy, death,  
is consumed in the blaze of God's glory,  
and our grief will be no more.*

We are heavy with sorrow  
but this burden will not last,  
there is joy yet to follow,  
there is glory unsurpassed,  
and our strength for tomorrow  
is our perfect hope in Christ:  
may Jesus lead you  
through your life.

*Though weeping may come in the night...*

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## **PARTING PRAYER**

Yours is the day, O Lord,  
yours also is the night.  
May the Sun of Righteousness rise upon us  
to drive away the darkness  
and enlighten us with the light of life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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