

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



Sunday 11th October 2020

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 . Service video https://youtu.be/8GyQ_xlloEQ

If you would like to listen to just the sermon and a prayer, dial [01968 700121](tel:01968700121). There will be about 20 seconds' silence, after which the recording should start.

INTRODUCTION: Harvest Worship

WELCOME to our Harvest Thanksgiving at St Mungo's.

Although 2020 has been a hard year for many of us,
the rhythm of the seasons has not changed
and God's goodness has not failed.

Let's worship our generous God together.

HYMN: Lord God, we bring you thanks and praise

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/PcMckrftXp8>

Lord God, we bring you thanks and praise
for falling leaves and golden days.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Rich harvest blessings, ours to share,
gifts of your love and daily care,

Lord, we praise you! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For those who work to grow our food
and those who battle drought and flood,

Lord, we thank you! Alleluia!

Brave fishermen on stormy seas,
we bring our prayers for all of these.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For those in need, both far and near,
who live with hunger, danger, fear,

hear our prayer, Lord! Alleluia!

We pray for shelter, food and peace,
that all may share and wars will cease.

Hear our prayer, Lord! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For all your blessings, great and small,
and food enough to feed us all,

Lord, we thank you! Alleluia!

Praise to the Father and the Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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PRAYER

Merciful Father, we come before you,
aware of our clenched fists.
We so often go into the world in this posture,
holding tight to what we have.

We repent for the times when we have kept to ourselves
the fruit of our hands;
when we have believed
that our wages and the things we produce
are ours to hold on to.

Lord have mercy: Christ have mercy.

We repent for the times when our hands have been closed
to those around us,
those who need some of what we have –
be that time, money, friendship
or a helping hand of any sort.

Lord have mercy: Christ have mercy.

We repent for the times when our hands have grasped
for that which is not ours to grasp,
where greed, gluttony or lust
have impacted our decisions more
that your heart of generosity, justice and grace.

Lord have mercy: Christ have mercy.

We repent for the times when our hands have not responded
to your call on our lives,
when we have refused
to move out of our comfort zone
or to heed your call for workers for your plentiful harvest.

Lord have mercy: Christ have mercy.

As we open our fists now, palms up,
we are grateful for your mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.
We receive and believe your word that if we confess our sins,
you are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

With our palms facing up, we pray:
help us hold things lightly,
ready to give when you call.

With our palms facing up, we pray:
provide for us what we need, generous Father.

In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

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BIBLE READINGS – Read by Fiona Hutcheson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him,

‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God:

‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’

You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Revelation 14:14-18

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, ‘Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.’ So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, ‘Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.’

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SHORT ADDRESS – Harvest time.

HYMN: For the fruits of all creation (East Acklam)

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/NZJwH89zsmk>

For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

Father God, we thank you for the work you enable us to do.

We remember those who cannot work
in the ways they would like to.

We bring before you people who are ill, depressed, unemployed
or are held back for other reasons.

Let's take a moment of quiet

to bring any situations on our heart before God.

Loving God, help us to be a support to those who cannot work.

Father God, we thank you that each of us has a story.

Remind us of the ways you have answered our prayers in the past.

If we are discouraged or struggling,
show us how to remember what you have done for us,
and your promise of a final harvest
where everything will be put right.

Let's take a moment of quiet

to bring any situations on our heart before God.

Loving God, may we take with us your story of hope.

Father God, we know that many people have not yet heard
the good news of your love.

There are people in our families, our workplaces and our communities
who need us to share your message of hope.

Let's take a moment of quiet

to bring any situations on our heart before God.

Loving God, fill us with your Spirit to be your witnesses this week.

We make all our prayers in the name of Jesus
who taught us to pray, saying:

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.

VIDEO: Christian Aid Autumn Appeal

Janis Hogg explains.

HYMN: Beauty for brokenness

Watch video at: <https://youtu.be/3kVHKuldZyw>

Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord, in your suffering
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary
Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain
Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned

Our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness
Carelessness, greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of your ways
Seek your salvation
And bring you their praise

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THE BLESSING

May the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

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Next week:

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