

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



12th July 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 video service, follow this link

<https://youtu.be/bUL6EizNq0E>

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WELCOME: Neil Cape

Let us worship God for this is the day that the Lord has made

HYMN: Praise my soul the King of heaven

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qw19uSoZNuI>

Praise my soul the King of heaven, to His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed healed restored forgiven, who like me His praise should sing.
Praise him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour, to our fathers in distress.
Praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him:
glorious in His faithfulness.

Father like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows.
In his hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him,
widely as His mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone.
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise the high eternal One!

Angels help us to adore Him: ye behold Him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

BIBLE READING: John 1:1-18, from The Message

Reader: Fiona Hutchison

The Word was first,
the Word present to God,
 God present to the Word.
The Word was God,
 in readiness for God from day one.
Everything was created through him;
 nothing—not one thing!—
 came into being without him.
What came into existence was Life,
 and the Life was Light to live by.
The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness;
 the darkness couldn't put it out.
There once was a man, his name John,
sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light.
He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in.
John was not himself the Light; he was there to show the way to the Light.
The Life-Light was the real thing:
 Every person entering Life he brings into Light.
He was in the world,
 the world was there through him,
 and yet the world didn't even notice.
He came to his own people,
 but they didn't want him.
But whoever did want him,
 who believed he was who he claimed
 and would do what he said,
He made to be their true selves,
 their child-of-God selves.

These are the God-begotten,
not blood-begotten,
not flesh-begotten,
not sex-begotten.

The Word became flesh and blood,
and moved into the neighbourhood.

We saw the glory with our own eyes,
the one-of-a-kind glory,
like Father, like Son,

Generous inside and out,
true from start to finish.

John pointed him out and called, "This is the One!

The One I told you was coming after me but in fact was ahead of me.

He has always been ahead of me, has always had the first word."

We all live off his generous bounty,
gift after gift after gift.

We got the basics from Moses,
and then this exuberant giving and receiving,

This endless knowing and understanding—
all this came through Jesus, the Messiah.

No one has ever seen God,
not so much as a glimpse.

This one-of-a-kind God-Expression,
who exists at the very heart of the Father,
has made him plain as day.

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Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

HYMN: When I survey the wondrous cross

Watch an alternative version at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCiGR-d6oJk>:

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Joan Cape)

Lord God,

We give thanks for all those who nurture faith – through work with children, in discipleship, in the leading of worship, in outreach to the world around.

We give thanks and pray for those who engage with children and young people in Sunday schools and Messy Church, mid-week activities and holiday clubs, youth groups and school chaplaincies. Inspire them as they keep our young people involved in different ways. Encourage them as, in faith, they plant seeds in hearts and minds.

We pray especially for those children and families who have engaged with our own Holiday Club, here in Penicuik. We would bring them to you and ask that you would teach them something of you, that they would meet with you, as they work through the different things we have given to them this holiday time.

We give thanks and pray for those who are leading worship at this time, challenged to adapt to new ways of engaging. We give thanks for new opportunities to touch hearts and minds. We pray for discernment as we move forward – what to take with us, what to leave behind.

We give thanks and pray for those in the ministries of the church – parish ministers, Ordained Local Ministers, Chaplains and specialist ministries, Deacons, Readers and Locums. Grant them strength and wisdom in these difficult days; imagination and openness as they seek your guiding.

We pray for those discerning a call to ministry, those in training, those seeking their first charge. Be their light, their support, their assurance in their questioning, in their formation.

We give thanks and pray for the members of the new Faith Nurture Forum and for the staff working from their homes – for their commitment to the life and work of the church in these uncertain times - supporting, resourcing, enabling, encouraging, responding to change, working alongside congregations, concerned for the poorest and most marginalised.

We give thanks and pray for each other. For the assurance of your love and care; for your peace in our lives; for hearts on fire with the good news of Jesus; for imagination and courage in mission and fresh expressions of faith; for willingness to embrace the challenges of the changing days ahead.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Based on prayers written by the Reverend Rosie Frew, Convenor of the Church of Scotland's Faith Nurture Forum

HYMN

I stand amazed in the Presence

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmt5VNnrJIM>

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, and made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone
*How marvellous! how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! how wonderful! Is my Saviour's love for me!*

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me
*How marvellous! how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! how wonderful! Is my Saviour's love for me!*

BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all
today and forever more. **Amen**

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