

# **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

<https://youtu.be/edMa3lgeaGw> which will be live from 11.00am on Sunday 14 June

For more information see our website: [www.stmungos.freeuk.com](http://www.stmungos.freeuk.com)

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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**14<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

### **INTROIT            Come Holy Spirit**

Video at: <https://youtu.be/bToCXRGsKJ4>

Come, Holy Spirit,  
descend on us, descend on us.  
We gather here in Jesus' name.

Come, Breath of Heaven,  
descend on us, descend on us.  
We gather here in Jesus' name.

Come, Word of Mercy,  
descend on us, descend on us.  
We gather here in Jesus' name.

*John L Bell (b. 1949) Words and music © WGRG The Iona Community*

## WELCOME

Welcome to St Mungo's and to our service for the Second Sunday after Pentecost.  
Let us come close to God through Jesus.

### **HYMN**      **All people that on earth do dwell**

Video at: <https://youtu.be/e6ldQNsFUEw>

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto:  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

Because the Lord our God is good,  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

*Words: William Kethe (Scottish Psalter, 1929)*

*Melody: Genevan Psalter (1551)*

## PRAYER

Our Heavenly Father,  
You are a God who makes promises.  
You made promises to Abraham and he believed you.  
You made promises to the disciples through Jesus  
and they believed him.  
You kept your promises.

Sometimes it is hard to wait and believe.  
Sometimes it takes a long time.  
Help us to put our faith in you,  
to know you as our Stronghold, our Saviour,  
the One who takes away our fears.

Help us to confess our wrong attitudes to you,  
the things we have done that displease you  
and the things we have left undone.

Father, you promise forgiveness in Jesus  
to all who turn to you with a change of heart and mind;  
you promise that you will never abandon us;  
you promise that you will come close to us  
when we come close to you;  
and you promise so much more beside,  
and all through Jesus our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent during the hottest time of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing across from him. When he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

He said, “My lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by and leave your servant. Let a little water be brought so that you may all wash your feet and rest under the tree. And let me get a bit of food so that you may refresh yourselves since you have passed by your servant’s home. After that you may be on your way.” “All right,” they replied, “you may do as you say.”

So Abraham hurried into the tent and said to Sarah, “Quick! Take three measures of fine flour, knead it, and make bread.” Then Abraham ran to the herd and chose a fine, tender calf, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Abraham then took some curds and milk, along with the calf that had been prepared, and placed the food before them. They ate while he was standing near them under a tree.

Then they asked him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” He replied, “There, in the tent.” One of them said, “I will surely return to you when the season comes round again, and your wife Sarah will have a son!” (Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, not far behind him. Abraham and Sarah were old and advancing in years; Sarah had long since passed menopause.) So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, “After I am worn out will I have pleasure, especially when my husband is old too?”

The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child when I am old?’ Is anything impossible for the Lord? I will return to you when the season comes round again and Sarah will have a son.” Then Sarah lied, saying, “I did not laugh,” because she was afraid. But the Lord said, “No! You did laugh.”

**[21]** The Lord visited Sarah just as he had said he would and did for Sarah what he had promised. So Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the appointed time that God had told him. Abraham named his son—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac. When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him just as God had commanded him to do. (Now Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born to him.)

Sarah said, “God has made me laugh. Everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” She went on to say, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have given birth to a son for him in his old age!”

**HYMN****Amazing grace**

Video at: <https://youtu.be/gEwqR-SJLOA>

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

*I will not fear, for you are with me.  
I'll trust in your amazing grace.*

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

*Original words: John Newton (1779)*

*Refrain: [https://engageworship.org/Amazing\\_Grace](https://engageworship.org/Amazing_Grace)*

## SHORT ADDRESS

**HYMN**            **Lord, you are the light of life to me**

Video at:        <https://youtu.be/wQ8kq1azVBU>

Lord, you are the light of life to me;  
when darkness hides my path, you help me see.  
Shine on me, O Lord, that now and all my days  
your light may lead me on, guiding my ways.

Lord, you are the rock on which I stand,  
stable and strong in you, held by your hand.  
Keep me safe, O Lord; in weakness let there be  
your loving, firm embrace upholding me.

Lord, you are the truth that sets me free;  
only in you is found true liberty.  
Teach me then, O Lord, in all things to pursue  
your good and perfect will, growing like you.

Lord, you are the Lamb of God who died,  
suff'ring for love of me, scorned, crucified.  
Love me still, O Lord; let others daily see  
your selfless, serving love flowing through me.

Lord, you are the King who ever reigns.  
Earth's rulers rise and fall: your throne remains.  
Rule my life, O Lord; I yield myself anew  
your name to glorify, living for you.

*Brian R Hoare (born 1935) © Brian Hoare/Jubilate Hymns Ltd*

## **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES**

God our Father,  
after the wrongful death of George Floyd in Minnesota,  
and the deaths of so many others before him,  
we come together as brothers and sisters in Christ,  
crying out for justice,  
seeking to stand with those suffering oppression,  
weeping with those grieving and in pain.

Father, help us to understand our responsibility  
to act against discrimination and systemic racism  
in our workplaces, in our churches,  
in our justice system and in our wider communities,  
and in all our structures and relationships.

We thank you that the good news of Jesus Christ has the power  
to break down barriers of ethnicity and culture.  
Help us, as your church, to unite across all ethnicities  
in saying, and showing, that all are created equal,  
that all people bear God's image.

We pray for demonstrators and governments,  
that they would act and respond with wisdom.

We pray for police officers  
who seek honourably to serve and protect our communities;  
bless them in their work.

We pray for those whose work we cannot ask you to bless.  
Grant them a changed attitude and a changed way of life.

May your Spirit move powerfully across the world at this time,  
convicting the world of sin, showing the world what has your approval,  
and convincing the world that you will judge it,  
and that through Jesus, our Saviour, in whose words we now pray:

**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.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LAST HYMN

In Jeremiah 8 and 9, God tells the people that though many believe in the healing properties of the 'balm of Gilead' (an ointment prepared by physicians from over the Jordan) they can't trust in its powers for spiritual healing. God reminds them that he is ultimately in control, and only he can relieve their suffering, if they turn again to him.

In the New Testament, God answers the suffering of his people by sending his own Son to take our place. Jesus becomes our 'balm in Gilead.' It's Jesus we're called to turn to. We sing this hymn with the assurance that whatever our hardships or shortcomings, Jesus loves us enough to take our sins and our sorrows upon himself.

### HYMN                    **There is a balm in Gilead**

Video at:            [https://youtu.be/8fcMxl\\_6xsk](https://youtu.be/8fcMxl_6xsk)

*There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged  
and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again.

*There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

If you cannot preach like Peter,  
if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus  
and say, "He died for all."

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*African-American spiritual (Public Domain)*



## **A PARTING PRAYER**

In the name of the Lord Jesus  
and of the Spirit of healing balm,  
in the name of the Father of Israel,  
I lay me down to rest. **Amen.**

*From: Carmina Gadelica*

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