

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.

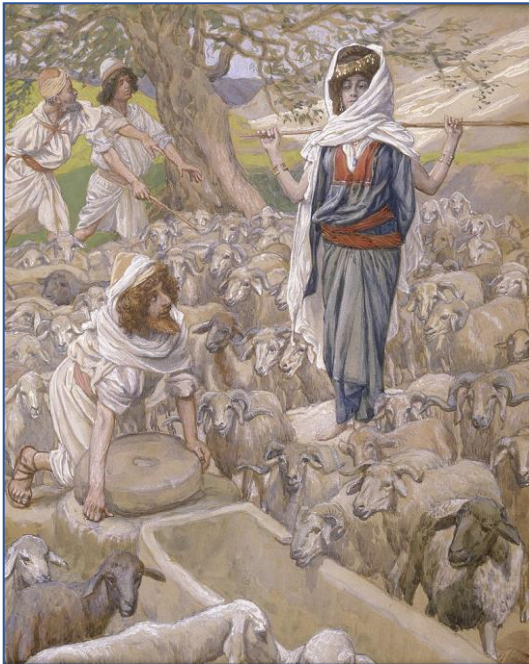
We thank all the team involved in creating and distributing this service, and praise God for his unchanging character and unfailing love.

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 Full video <https://youtu.be/KZmayKXIJHw>

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.

Sunday 16th August 2020



WELCOME

Welcome to St Mungo's.

We continue the story in Genesis of Jacob and his troubled family life.

God is still working with them to shape them into the people he wants them to be.

Our first hymn may seem both familiar and strange to many of us, but it would be quite natural to many a Highland congregation and has a beauty all its own.

Let's worship God.

*Jacob and Rachel at the well.
ca 1896-1902, James Tissot*

HYMN**I waited for the Lord my God****(Psalm 40)**Video at: <https://youtu.be/67jbBYbcqao>

I waited for the Lord my God,
and patiently did bear;
At length to me he did incline
my voice and cry to hear.

He took me from a fearful pit,
and from the miry clay,
And on a rock he set my feet,
establishing my way.

He put a new song in my mouth,
our God to magnify:
Many shall see it, and shall fear,
and on the Lord rely.

O blessed is the man whose trust
upon the Lord relies;
Respecting not the proud, nor such
as turn aside to lies.

The Scottish Psalter (1650)

PRAYER

Father God,
we sometimes have opportunities to learn from you
and we don't pay attention to what you're saying to us
or what you're doing in our lives.

Lord, help us to think prayerfully about these things.

Sometimes, we know what we should do,
but we're afraid of what our friends might say and don't do it.

Lord, give us courage when we need it.

We often think that living for you is too difficult
or we allow ourselves to get distracted
and forget all about living for you.

*Lord, help us genuinely to repent,
help us to grow, help us to live for you.*

We thank you that you go on loving us despite our faults,
that you go on disciplining us and shaping us,
and that you promise forgiveness
when we confess our faults to you.

We thank you that Jesus took our wrongdoing on himself to bring us back to you.

So we ask you to forgive us, as you promise, and give us a fresh start today. **Amen.**

HYMN What friend we have in Jesus

Video at: <https://youtu.be/ulnN5JN4nNE?t=79>

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;

take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful

who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;

take it to the Lord in prayer!

Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1855)

Sung by Wendy Klassen

BIBLE READINGS: Genesis 30: 1-24 God's Word Translation

Read by Margaret Webster

Rachel saw that she could not have children for Jacob, and she became jealous of her sister. She said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I'll die!"

Jacob became angry with Rachel and asked, "Can I take the place of God, who has kept you from having children?"

She said, "Here's my servant Bilhah. Sleep with her. She can have children for me, and I can build a family for myself through her." So she gave him her slave Bilhah as his wife, and Jacob slept with her. Bilhah became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Jacob. Rachel said, "Now God has judged in my favour. He has heard my prayer and has given me a son." So she named him Dan [He Judges].

Rachel's slave Bilhah became pregnant again and gave birth to a second son for Jacob. Rachel said, "I have had a great struggle with my sister, and I have won!" So she named him Naphtali [My Struggle].

When Leah saw that she had stopped having children, she took her slave Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as his wife. Leah's slave Zilpah gave birth to a son for Jacob. Leah said, "I've been lucky!" So she called him Gad [Luck].

Leah's slave Zilpah gave birth to her second son for Jacob. Leah said, "I've been blessed! Women will call me blessed." So she named him Asher [Blessing].

During the wheat harvest Reuben went out into the fields and found some mandrakes. He brought them to his mother Leah. Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

Leah replied, "Isn't it enough that you took my husband? Are you also going to take my son's mandrakes?"

Rachel said, "Very well, Jacob can go to bed with you tonight in return for your son's mandrakes."

As Jacob was coming in from the fields that evening, Leah went out to meet him. "You are to sleep with me," she said. "You are my reward for my son's mandrakes." So he went to bed with her that night. God answered Leah's prayer. She became pregnant and gave birth to her fifth son for Jacob. Leah said, "God has given me my reward because I gave my slave to my husband." So she named him Issachar [Reward].

She became pregnant again and gave birth to her sixth son for Jacob. Leah said, "God has presented me with a beautiful present. This time my husband will honour me because I have given him six sons." So she named him Zebulun [Honour].

Later she gave birth to a daughter and named her Dinah.

Then God remembered Rachel. God answered her prayer and made it possible for her to have children. So she became pregnant and gave birth to a son.

Then she said, "God has taken away my disgrace." She named him Joseph [May He Give Another] and said, "May the Lord give me another son."

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2 Corinthians 12: 7-10 Common English Bible Read to us by Bill Webster

I was given a thorn in my body because of the outstanding revelations I've received so that I wouldn't be conceited. It's a messenger from Satan sent to torment me so that I wouldn't be conceited.

I pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me alone. He said to me, "My grace is enough for you, because power is made perfect in weakness." So I'll gladly spend my time bragging about my weaknesses so that Christ's power can rest on me. Therefore,

I'm all right with weaknesses, insults, disasters, harassments, and stressful situations for the sake of Christ, because when I'm weak, then I'm strong.

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HYMN **How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord**

Video at: <https://youtu.be/5UvBH9IPU1?t=79>

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Oh, He'll never forsake you, though trials may come! Oho!

"...that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Author just given as: K. (1787), altered.

Sung by the Norton Hall Band

SHORT ADDRESS: ***When our own resources aren't enough***

HYMN

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

Video at: <https://youtu.be/28BbP2DfDwE>

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, *[First verse in Shona]*
just to take him at his word,
just to rest upon his promise,
just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood,
and in simple faith to plunge me
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease,
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, ,
precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend,
and I know that thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end.

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!
O for grace to trust him more!*

Louisa M. R. Stead (1850-1917)

Video: <http://www.giveglory2him.org>

THE MODERATOR INVITES YOU TO A WEEK OF PRAYER (17-24 Aug)

Video: <https://youtu.be/AAmlPRWrlZw>

News: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/moderator-issues-an-invitation-to-join-him-in-a-week-of-prayer>

A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

God of light and love,
in your tender compassion you sent your Son
to shine on those who sit in darkness
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Please give us, in our doubts and uncertainties,
the grace to ask what you would want us to do;
and by your Spirit of wisdom,
save us from false choices.

The life-giving fountain belongs to you,
and your light gives light to all and to each of us:
Please lead and protect us,
and give us a straight path to follow,
so that we may not stumble or fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who left us these words to help us 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.**

HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74kyfROS4q8>

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Sung by Wendy Ritchie

THE BLESSING

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

Numbers 6: 24-26

Play out: The Celtic Blessing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_y3-tRu8Mlk