

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



19th 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 service, follow the link which you'll find on our website: www.stmungos.freeuk.com Full video <https://youtu.be/KzFUcf5cW94>

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f you would like to listen to just the sermon and a prayer, dial 01968 700121. There will be about 20/25 seconds' silence, after which the recording should start.

WELCOME: Neil Cape

Let us worship God; Praise the Lord all you people.

HYMN: Love divine, all loves excelling

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJVAJ63OSsl>

Love divine all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion.
Pure unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation.
Enter every trembling heart

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that second rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty, to deliver.
Let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing;
Serve thee as thy hosts above.
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place.
Till we cast our crowns before thee:
Lost in wonder, love and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Prayer of adoration and Thanksgiving: Margaret Webster

Loving Heavenly Father:

“Love divine, all loves excelling” - your amazing love is so vast
that we can never fully get our heads around it.

We praise you and thank you
that although we are at a distance from each other as we worship today,
your Holy Spirit reaches down personally
to each one of us and also to all of us,
binding us together in love.

We praise you that nothing can separate us from your love –
a love which gives us hope, joy, strength, courage, peace;
a love that never lets us down and never lets us go.

A love always reaching out to us
and so great that it takes our breath away:
for you loved the world so much that you gave your one and only Son,
so that anyone who believes in him will not die
but will have life with you for ever.

Heavenly Father,
thank you that your Love is not just something we can know about
but something we can experience in our own lives
and that we should share with others.

Help us, we pray, to love each other as you have loved us.

In the name of our risen Saviour Jesus Christ
whose prayer we now say together:

***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***

Song: There's a love that seeks us

Watch video at [https://www.resoundworship.org/song/theres a love that seeks us](https://www.resoundworship.org/song/theres_a_love_that_seeks_us)

There's a love that seeks us,
love that will not leave us,
knows our deepest longing,
drives away our fear.

There's a God who holds us,
lovingly enfolds us;
we will lack for nothing,
trusting he is near.

*Our God, you're wonderful,
your love will never fail,
your goodness follows us through all our days.
Our God, you're wonderful
your love forever will be with us.*

There's a love that guides us,
walks the road beside us,
comforting, providing,
showing us the way.
Love will light the darkness,
where the valley's deepest,
lead us through the shadows
to a resting place.

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Ephesians 2:1-10 (Good News Translation) Reader: Agnes Ovenstone

In the past you were spiritually dead because of your disobedience and sins. ²At that time you followed the world's evil way; you obeyed the ruler of the spiritual powers in space, the spirit who now controls the people who disobey God. ³Actually all of us were like them and lived according to our natural desires, doing whatever suited the wishes of our own bodies and minds. In our natural condition we, like everyone else, were destined to suffer God's anger.

⁴But God's mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, ⁵that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God's grace that you have been saved. ⁶In our union with Christ Jesus he raised us up with him to rule with him in the heavenly world. ⁷He did this to demonstrate for all time to come the extraordinary greatness of his grace in the love he showed us in Christ Jesus. ⁸⁻⁹For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it. ¹⁰God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do.

REFLECTION: Rev Dr Martin Fair

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

HYMN: What a friend we have in Jesus

Watch an alternative version <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pi1-5kmbkyQ>:

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

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious saviour, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee:
Thou wilt find a solace there.

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.

Joseph Scriven 1822-1886

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: David Hogg

God of the ages
and God of the here and now,
we bring you our prayers for the Church
and for our world,
as we emerge from the strangeness of these lockdown days.

God of the Exodus,
you recognise how we're feeling now:
there is relief, of course,
but also uncertainty, apprehension;
fearfulness as well.

Strengthen your Church for service
in these changing and challenging times.
Help us both to take forward what is good
and embrace what is new and effective -
in our worship, our work and our witness.

Lord as we move forward with caution,
we remember those who have worked so hard throughout
and for whom, perhaps, there is still no respite,
no end in sight.

So we pray for all who care for the vulnerable;
all who treat the sick -
nurses, doctors, pharmacists, ambulance staff;
all who provide ancillary, technical and administrative support,
laboratory staff and researchers working to devise a vaccine.

We remember all those who carry out the daily work
on which our common life depends,
and which, to our shame, we often take for granted and undervalue -
cleaners, hospital porters,
delivery drivers and postal workers,
shop-workers and bin-men.
Keep them and their families safe,
and may we all recognise their true value when the Covid crisis passes.

Lord we pray for all living in fear -
of the virus itself and other health concerns,
of financial problems and future security
concerning themselves or those whom they love and care about.

Lord, the lockdown has been a time of loss,
leaving careers to be re-configured,
plans to be postponed or abandoned.

We pray, too, for all who are grieving at this time
in sorely constraining circumstances, which we've not known before.
Draw them into your presence and your peace,
and surround them with your love,
that limitless love, which goes to the heart of all things.

Lord Jesus Christ,
lead us out of our lockdown
to follow you faithfully and confidently
into your changed and changing world.

And our prayers are in your name. Amen

HYMN: The Celtic Blessing in Gaelic and English

Watch the video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_y3-tRu8MIk

*Gum beannaich an Tighearn' thu
Gun deàraich a ghnuis ort
'S gum bi E gràs mhòr riut
Gun tog E a ghnùis riut
Agus sìth thoirt dhut.*

Repeat

Amen, amen, amen

*Biodh a ghràs ort is gach beannachd
Mìle cinneach, a chuid fhàbhar
'S air do theaghlach
'S do chuid chloinne
'S an cuid chloinne
'S an cuid chloinne*

*May his favour be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children*

Repeat Gaelic

Repeat English

*May His presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, every day new
He is with you, He is with you
In the morning and the evening
In your coming and your going
In your waking and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you*

*Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen*

*The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you,
And give you peace*

BENEDICTION

And so send us out Lord with your blessing, with your favour which lasts from generation to generation which extends to our children and children's children. Send us out knowing that we are children of God and that our purpose is in serving you. Show us how you would have us live and may the blessing of God Almighty Father Son and Holy Spirit be upon each one of you today and forever more. Amen

Sung:

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

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Footnote to the Celtic Blessing:

The Gaelic transcription was kindly provided by Dr. Emily McEwan, who is a linguistic anthropologist in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to whom we give our thanks. She says:

“The first verse in Gaelic and the last verse in English are equivalent; you could say one is a translation of the other. ("Gum beannaich an Tighearn' thu..." and "The Lord bless you and keep you").

The second Gaelic verse "Biodh a ghràs ort is gach beannachd" and the English verse immediately following, "May His favour be upon you" are equivalent.

The third English verse "May His presence go before you" doesn't have a Gaelic counterpart in the video.

The Gaelic singer is Norrie Maclver in the Isle of Lewis. He's also the lead singer of Skippinish. You can follow him on Facebook. “