

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



This act of worship has been prepared to allow us all to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it.

It 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. To find the whole service click this link <http://www.stmungos.freeuk.com>

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: 19th April 2020

INTROIT **Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!**

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Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Charles Wesley (1739)

WELCOME

Welcome to St Mungo's and to our online service for the Second Sunday of Easter. A team of people have been involved in creating this service and we owe them our thanks.

We believe, that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus has won the decisive battle over our age-old enemies of sin and death and that the outcome is now secured. Through the Gospel, Jesus offers forgiveness and eternal life to all who turn from their own way and trust in him.

FROM CHRIST'S APOSTLE PAUL'S PRAYER IN EPHESIANS 1

I pray that your inward eyes may be enlightened,
so that you may know what is the hope to which he calls you...
and how vast are the resources of his power open to us who have faith.

Ephesians 1: 18-19 (REB)

AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR FIRST HYMN

The team of hymnwriters at Getty Music who wrote our next hymn have explained their choice of words:

To find comfort in life, we must know how we can face death. Hope comes only in trusting the one who died to take the curse of death and who crushed the power of death by his resurrection. 'Christ has been raised from the dead' (1 Cor 15:20). That is the only statement that can transform how we live each day and how we prepare for our earthly life to end....

There is no need to shrink back from mentioning death in our hymns, because we know the Living One who has conquered death forever. The Christian can sing hallelujah because Christ assures us of our glorious future.

[Source: <https://www.gettymusic.com/christ-our-hope>]

HYMN What is our hope in life and death?

Download video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oibli1rz7mw>

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

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PRAYER

Father God,
you made the hearts of the disciples rejoice
at the resurrection of Jesus, your Son.

Forgive us that, although we claim to live
by faith in Christ's cross and resurrection,
we so often appear to believe
that our own sins are unconquerable or unforgivable.

Forgive us that we are too ready to forget
that however bad things become for us
that there is nothing
that can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Forgive us when we do not take to heart
the great hope that you have given to us,
that we shall be raised to life with you forever.

Come to us in the power of the risen Christ.
Speak to our hearts and minds.

Take away the doubts that immobilize us
and the fears that make us hide our faith away.

Give us strength over temptation and sin
and trust in the reality of your forgiveness.

Through your Holy Spirit
bring us new life and power in your service,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

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HYMN Peace be with you

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Listen to the words
of the risen Christ:
peace be with you.

Come and see his hands
and the wound in his side:
peace be with you.

With the eyes of faith
are you ready to see?
Peace be with you.

Come with all your doubts
for it's time to believe:
peace be with you,
peace be with you.

Let the breath of God now fill me;
wholeness, fullness, life within me.
Full forgiveness given freely,
I receive as Jesus sends me.

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SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN Faith overcomes! The light of Christ is shining

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Faith overcomes! The light of Christ is shining,
piercing the doubt and darkness of our world,
walking in trust, we find the way inclining
to follow in the footsteps of our Lord.

Faith overcomes! The truth of God unfolding
Wisdom and Word, in cosmic time and space,
dwells in a single life for our beholding:
eternal glory in a human face.

Faith overcomes! In Jesus God is teaching,
healing, forgiving, loving to the end,
to all who know him not, his arms outreaching
from Calv'ry's cross, our Shepherd and our Friend.

Faith overcomes! The life of Christ abundant,
spent and exhausted in the hour of death,
bursts from the tomb in mystery triumphant,
makes us alive through his own Spirit's breath.

Faith overcomes! Christ's witnesses have spoken:
we have not seen, yet now we dare believe
in him is freedom, peace and joy unbroken,
a gift to share with all who will receive.

Faith overcomes! In Jesus' love abiding,
we yield ourselves to follow his commands,
willing to suffer for his name, confiding
our needs and hopes and fears into his hands.

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PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

Living God,
you give us hope in times of uncertainty and trouble
and you give wisdom to all who ask you in simple faith.
We thank you that you're never grudging with your gifts.

We pray for those who are living in fear:
fear for people that we love, fear of illness, fear of dying.
May your Spirit bring them strength and peace
and a firm confidence in Christ to face all troubles.

We pray for your church:
for those who are feeling isolated
by not being able to gather together.
Come near to them as they come near to you
and help us all to show care for each other.

We pray for our world:
bless the work of researchers, seeking a cure for the virus.
Help them discover what you provide in creation:
fresh ways to control, protect, inoculate and heal.

God our Father, you have promised
that nothing will separate us from your love in Jesus Christ.
Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you in Jesus. **Amen.**

HYMN The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

Download video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone.
And I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

[Descant]

*(I will trust, I will trust in you.)
(I will trust, I will trust in you.)
(Endless mercy follows me,
goodness will lead me home.)*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

And I will trust in you alone....

3. And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in you alone....

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A PARTING PRAYER

May God who gives us hope
fill us with joy and peace as we trust in him,
so that hope flows out of us to others
by the power of the Holy Spirit in us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**