

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 And 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:
24th MAY 2020 (Ascensiointide)**

INTROIT To God be the glory

Video at: <https://youtu.be/2CeBoSQsBR0>

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord....

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord....

Author: Frances Jane Crosby (1875)

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WELCOME

Welcome to St Mungo's and to our online service for the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Today is the Sunday after Ascension Day, when we're encouraged to remember Jesus' return to his Father's glory.

If we have faith in Jesus, the New Testament tells us that we too are destined to share in Christ's glory: The apostle John says: "It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when Christ appears we shall be like him..." (1 John 3:2).

As followers of Jesus, we're also asked to be like him in his humble service: "Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others." (Philippians 2:4) Let us come near to God through Jesus.

HYMN **Christ triumphant, ever reigning**

Link to video at: <https://youtu.be/jnsbOCH6S1Y>

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Yours the glory...

Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Yours the glory...

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

Yours the glory...

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Yours the glory...

Michael Seward (born 1932)

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PRAYER

Creator God,
mighty and mysterious, majesty beyond words,
thank you for making yourself known to us in Christ –
for sharing our humanity, walking this earth,
and becoming one with us through him.

Lord Jesus Christ,
thank you for breaking down the barriers
that separate us from the Father,
for helping us not just to know
but to relate to your Father
as children adopted into the family.

Thank you that through your living, dying and rising among us
we can experience the gift of your Spirit,
your living presence deep within.

Open our eyes each day to the wonder of who you are
and of everything you have done,
and help us joyfully to worship you,
our risen, ascended Lord. **Amen.**

Adapted from Nick Fawcett, Ascension Day meditation

BIBLE READING: Acts 1:1-11 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

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HYMN

What kind of king is crowned with thorns

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

What kind of king is crowned with thorns
or robed in nakedness and shame?

So cruelly beaten, mocked and scorned,
he bears the weight of all our blame.

What kind of king would stand condemned,
though innocent of every crime,
in silence, offer no defence
and take the place that should be mine?

What kind of king would choose to die,
yet three days later rise again,
to win for us eternal life
and heal and free us in his name?

And now this king is glorified,
though still adorned with wounds of grace,
and, reigning at the Father's side,
receives the angels' endless praise.

*This is Jesus, our redeemer:
paid the ransom for our sin.*

*This is Jesus, risen saviour,
everlasting King of kings.*

We know our king will soon return
to right the wrongs of history
and satisfy all those who yearn
for love to have the victory.

And then our king will wipe away
the tears of pain from every face.
Oh, how we're longing for the day
when we're received in his embrace.

King forever, robed in splendour,
victory is yours.

Now and always we will worship,
Christ, our risen Lord.

No other king deserves my all
for he alone was sacrificed.

Lord Jesus, I will heed your call
and give my heart, my soul, my life.

SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN **High in the heavens, exalted**

Video at: <https://youtu.be/cP35jLndM5g>

High in the heavens, exalted,
name above all other names,
Lord over all of creation,
worthy of power and praise.
Blessing and honour and glory
are his eternal reward;
let every knee bow before him
and every tongue say he is Lord.

Jesus, you are exalted and glorified.

Jesus, name above all names, we'll lift you high.

Clothed in the splendour of heaven,
Jesus, eternally God,
emptied yourself, came as nothing,
choosing the road to the cross.
Lord, you were found in our likeness,
shedding your glory to serve;
humble, not claiming advantage,
you laid down your life for the world.

Let us be found in your likeness,
learning to serve as you served,
filled with your Spirit, your fullness,
the fragrance of grace on the earth.
You love the heart that is humble,
you desire worship that's true;
voices that sing for your glory
and lives that bring honour to you.

Saviour, all of creation will bow in awe.

*Jesus, from every nation we'll call you Lord,
to the glory of God. (repeat)*

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

Heavenly Father, you've exalted your Son to your right hand,
and made him the head over all things for his body the church.

We pray for all Christians: may we be faithful witnesses
to the forgiveness and new life won for us by Jesus.

We pray that our words might be used in leading others to him.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You Son shows the light of your glory
and is the perfect imprint of your being,

He upholds the universe by the word of his power.

We pray for the community where you've called us to serve.

We bring before you people who are suffering and struggling,
people who are lost and lonely or grieving loved ones.

May they see the good news that Jesus is Lord.

We thank you that there is faith, hope and love in him.

We pray that our words and our actions might show him to others.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You've given your Son all authority in heaven and on earth:

We pray for all who are in positions of responsibility and authority.

Guide them and grant them wisdom,

as they make plans to ease the lockdown.

We pray that their leadership might be for the common good.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, you have exalted Jesus as Leader and Saviour;

We make all our prayers to you through him. **Amen.**

HYMN At the name of Jesus

Video at: <https://youtu.be/r4d4UXSJXig>

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Mighty and mysterious in the highest height,
God from everlasting, very light of light:
in the Father's bosom with the Spirit blest,
love, in love eternal, rest, in perfect rest.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory, of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true:
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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A PARTING PRAYER

God our Father,
your Son has sent us into the world
to tell the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your word may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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