

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



— CHRISTMAS DAY —

Friday 25 December 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 . Video <https://youtu.be/RLE902SIZw4>

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.

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION: Silent Night

Watch video at:

With thanks to Graham McDonald, Andrew Dunsire and Dallas Patterson for the musical arrangement and production, and Jim Paterson for the visuals.

WELCOME to St Mungo's.

We're glad you can join us on Christmas Day.
We hope that, through Christ's presence with us,
you will have a meaningful Christmas.

The Lord has come to us.

[The central candle, symbolizing Jesus, is lit.]

Leader: Jesus is the light of the world.

All: A light no darkness can ever put out.

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!



HYMN: O come, all ye faithful

Watch video at: <https://youtu.be/5JyWzaCUSkk>

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God in the highest!"

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

John Francis Wade (1711 or 1712-1786), translated by Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)

Sung by Gloria and David Doty; arranged and produced by David Doty.

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PRAYER

God our Father,
we thank you that you sent Jesus to us,
to be Light for the whole world,
and to be the promised Saviour.
We thank you that he became what we are,
so that we might become as he is.
He died for us so that we might die to ourselves
and live for the one who rescued us
from having to be slaves to self and sin.
Help us to know this freedom

in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VIDEO: Love Comes Down to Earth (to the tune of 'Jingle Bells')

Watch video at: <https://youtu.be/kMY0vZkyjJo>

An angel told Mary she was to be a mum,
her baby boy, Jesus, God's special only Son.
Joseph took her hand. They travelled night and day
and found a place in Bethlehem for Jesus' first birthday.

*Christmas time, Christmas time! Love comes down to Earth.
Ring the bells and celebrate the news of Jesus' birth.
Christmas time, Christmas time! Love comes down to Earth.
Ring the bells and celebrate the news of Jesus' birth.*

Shepherds on the hills saw the angels bright.
They sang about God's son, born that very night!
The shepherds rushed to see this tiny baby boy.
They all bowed down to worship him—their hearts so full of joy.

*Christmas time, Christmas time! Love comes down to Earth.
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Christmas time, Christmas time! Love comes down to Earth.
Ring the bells and celebrate the news of Jesus' birth.*

In a far-off land, three kings looked to the sky.
They saw a brand-new star shine brightly up so high.
They rushed to Bethlehem with gifts for Christmas Day.
A baby born to save the world and show us all the way. [Jesus!]

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Puppeteers: Amelia Hawley (8), Ella Hawley (5), Becky Packer, Katie Hawley, Mark Hawley.*

BIBLE READINGS (Reader: Gordon Macdonald)

1 JOHN 1:1-4

Contemporary English Version

The Word that gives life was from the beginning,
and this is the one our message is about.
Our ears have heard, our own eyes have seen,
and our hands touched this Word.

The one who gives life appeared! We saw it happen, and we are witnesses to what we have seen. Now we are telling you about this eternal life that was with the Father and appeared to us. We are telling you what we have seen and heard, so that you may share in this life with us. And we share in it with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing to tell you these things, because this makes us truly happy.

Matthew 1: 18-25

Contemporary English Version

This is how Jesus Christ was born. A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph from King David's family. But before they were married, she learned that she was going to have a baby by God's Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man[a] and did not want to embarrass Mary in front of everyone. So he decided to quietly call off the wedding.

While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, the baby that Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. Go ahead and marry her. Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus, [In Hebrew the name 'Jesus' means 'the Lord saves.'] because he will save his people from their sins."

So the Lord's promise came true, just as the prophet had said, "A virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be called Immanuel," which means "God is with us."

After Joseph woke up, he and Mary were soon married, just as the Lord's angel had told him to do. But they did not sleep together before her baby was born. Then Joseph named him Jesus.

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SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: Away in a manger

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/3cHqj2ah2tA>

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.

I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

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PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

Father God,
you give hope to your people,
especially in dark times.
Fill us again with complete joy and peace
as we trust you in every circumstance.
May we overflow with hope
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

We thank you for the vaccines that have been developed.
We thank you that an end to the pandemic is in sight.
Give us courage and vision for the days that lie ahead.

You, Lord, encourage the downhearted.
You bring us your strength and your joy.
Help us to comfort and encourage others.

As deforestation in the Amazon rainforest in Brazil
reaches its highest level since 2008,
we pray for leaders in Brazil
who will protect the Amazon for future generations.

We bring before you the cause of indigenous communities
who are suffering because of deforestation:
we ask you for justice for them
and that their voice will be heard by those in power.

As South Sudan faces the worst flooding in living memory
and a main feeding centre for malnourished people
is now underwater,
we pray for all those affected
and ask for your provision
and your protection for vulnerable people.
May the flooding ease soon

We make all our prayers to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen**

HYMN: Hark! the herald angels sing

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/YwNtBmX-3Cs>

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing...

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise us the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing...

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788); music: Felix Mendelssohn; descant: David Willcocks
Instrumental backing: Kevin Haggart; Sung by friends and members of Ferryhill Parish Church*

THE BLESSING

May the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you, this Christmas and always. **Amen.**

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Next Sunday's preacher: The Rt Rev Martin Fair