

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 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 unflinching 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 service https://youtu.be/UcotFJfor_E

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.

INTROIT: Bless the Lord, my soul (Psalm 104:1)

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/UYLKrFOLS-E>

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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WELCOME

Welcome to St Mungo's. We're glad you can join us.

Today we are celebrating Holy Communion.

If you are joining us from home and would like to put aside some bread and wine (or something which would represent them), please retain them until the appropriate part of the service and consume them reverently and thankfully.

If you would rather not participate, you are equally welcome to listen and enjoy spiritual communion with Christ and 'feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving'.

HYMN: Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Watch video at https://youtu.be/wZ9j3e8_yQc

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love. Amen. Amen.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788); sung in Canterbury Cathedral

PRAYER

God our Father,
you take no pleasure in causing us grief or pain.
Though you bring us sorrow,
your love for us is sure and strong.

This is how we know you love this world and its people:
you gave your Son so that no one need be lost;
but by believing in Jesus,
anyone can have your gift of life which endures to eternity.

You did not send your Son
merely to point an accusing finger,
to tell the world how bad it was.
He came to save, to put this world right again.

He bore the world's sins, and our sins,
in his own body on the cross.
and anyone who trusts in him is forgiven
and set free to serve you in spirit and in truth.

We come now as your children,
confident of your readiness to forgive, seen in Jesus,
quietly confessing our sins,
silently bringing our petitions to you.

Lord, may we know the ministry of your Spirit to us,
your word that gives hope and strength to the weary
and the blessing of your presence in Jesus. **Amen**

THE STORY SO FAR

Last time we saw Joseph he was in the king's prison, where he gets to know some of the king's servants. He thinks this might help him get out, but that plan doesn't work out immediately, until quite some time later, the King has two troubling dreams: about seven fat cows and seven gaunt cows, and seven healthy ears of corn and seven nasty, withered ears of corn. This wouldn't be too troubling in itself, but then the thin, unhealthy looking things gobbled up the healthy ones.

The king (that's Pharaoh) calls together all his advisers and tells them his dreams. They come up with nothing. Then the king's cupbearer remembers Joseph, who interpreted a dream for him, and tells the king of a man with spiritual insight and wisdom who was in prison with him. So Joseph is fetched, shaved, cleaned up and taken to Pharaoh.

Joseph denies that he himself can interpret dreams but says that God can give insight.

And so from the king's dreams, Joseph tells him about the coming seven years of plenty and the seven years of scarcity. He sketches a 14-year plan for Pharaoh and suggests he will need someone to execute it. "Don't worry," says Pharaoh, "I've already thought of somebody: I'm appointing you." Joseph ends up as prime minister of Egypt, using his administrative skills to bring life to people instead of starvation.

Now meanwhile back in Canaan, things are looking grim for Jacob's family....

Genesis 42: 1-9; 45: 1-9 (New English Translation)

Reader: Neil Cape

When Jacob heard there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why are you looking at each other?" He then said, "Look, I hear that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy grain for us so that we may live and not die."

So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, "What if some accident happens to him?" So Israel's sons came to buy grain among the other travellers, for the famine was severe in the land of Canaan.

Now Joseph was the ruler of the country, the one who sold grain to all the people of the country. Joseph's brothers came and bowed down before him with their faces to the ground. When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger to them and spoke to them harshly. He asked, "Where do you come from?" They answered, "From the land of Canaan, to buy grain for food."

Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. Then Joseph remembered the dreams he had dreamed about them, and he said to them, "You are spies; you have come to see if our land is vulnerable!"

[We pick up the story after Judah has offered to stay as a slave in Egypt in place of Benjamin to spare his father pain and grief.]

[45:1] Joseph was no longer able to control himself before all his attendants, so he cried out, "Make everyone go out from my presence!" No one remained with Joseph

when he made himself known to his brothers. He wept loudly; the Egyptians heard it and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" His brothers could not answer him because they were dumbfounded before him. Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me," so they came near. Then he said, "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. Now, do not be upset and do not be angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me ahead of you to preserve life! For these past two years there has been famine in the land and for five more years there will be neither ploughing nor harvesting. God sent me ahead of you to preserve you on the earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now, it is not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me an adviser to Pharaoh, lord over all his household, and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Now go up to my father quickly and tell him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: "God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not delay!"'"

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SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: Be still, my soul

Watch video at: <https://youtu.be/OzoEeloPoYs?list=PLUTsn5gOo3DHMdSl2avgjH-8mB8Rtb5Te>

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the weight of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
through every change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your gracious, heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds will know
the voice of Christ that ruled them here below.

Be still, my soul: the day is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
in his safe presence we shall meet at last.

K. von Schlegel (1697-1797); sung by Barbara Majetic, with Mihael Majetic. All Souls Music.

HOLY COMMUNION: THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WE REMEMBER GOD'S GRACIOUS CHARACTER AND PROMISES TO US

Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old. *(Psalm 25:6)*

Remember not the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O Lord. *(Psalm 25:7)*

"The time is coming," declares the Lord,
"when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...
For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."
(Jeremiah 31:31,34)

The Lord is gracious and compassionate.
He remembers his covenant forever. *(Psalm 111:4-5)*

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God our Father, we give you thanks
for your great mercy and love.
We thank you for Jesus, whom you sent
to share our human nature,
to bring your grace and truth to us
and to reconcile us to you by his perfect sacrifice.
We thank you that through his death and resurrection
you save all who put their trust in him.
We thank you for the Holy Spirit,
who teaches us to turn from wrong and believe in Jesus
and makes Christ's salvation real in our lives.
Send your Holy Spirit on us that these ordinary things
may be to us the body and blood of your Son.

Let's join together in the family prayer of the Church:

**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.**

REMEMBERING WHAT JESUS DID AND SAID

We do this because Jesus himself did it
and told us to do it too.

On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread
and after giving thanks to God he broke it and said
*'This is my body which is for you;
do this in memory of me.'*

Later he took the cup and said:
*'This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood.
Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me.'*

THE SHARING

Take, eat: the body of Christ, broken for you.
Do this, remembering him.

The new covenant sealed by Christ's blood
which was shed that the sins of many might be forgiven.
As you drink, remember him.

THE PEACE *(using British Sign Language)*

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

HYMN: Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Watch video at https://youtu.be/k5OTc_ZDzc0

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give:
he is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need, His power is displayed.

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven:
the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
and He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated.

Jesus, now and ever, is my plea.

Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for He has said that He will bring me home,
and day by day I know He will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.

All the glory evermore to Him!

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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THE BLESSING

Go in the strength and the power which Christ gives,
and may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
remain with you always. **Amen**

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worship: “Holy Habits: Fellowship”**