

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



SUNDAY 26th 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 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 Full video <https://youtu.be/N7q9bV9NfPY>

And if you would like to listen to just the sermon and a prayer, dial [01968 700121](tel:01968700121). There will be about 20 seconds' silence, after which the recording should start.

WELCOME

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

Today we are celebrating Holy Communion online, which is allowed by the Church of Scotland.

If you 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: O God of Bethel (Genesis 28: 20-22)

Watch video at https://youtu.be/Z4bQ_z9n_iE

O God of Bethel! by whose hand
thy people still are fed,
who through this earthly pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led:

Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers! be the God
of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.

O spread thy covering wings around
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.

Such blessings from thy gracious hand
our humble prayers implore;
and thou shalt be our chosen God,
and portion evermore.

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PRAYER

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Psalms 146: 5

You see me as no one else starts to,
the person concealed deep inside,
the weaknesses, faults and temptations,
the defects I'd much rather hide.

You see me laid bare of pretension,
the surface veneer stripped away,
the failings I cannot quite conquer
exposed to the cold light of day.

And yet you continue to love me,
your mercy and grace shining through;
despite all the times that I fail you,

you carry on making me new.

Such love is too awesome to credit,
like no other love that I know,
but though, Lord, I can't quite believe it,
you show me each day it is so. **Amen.**

Nick Fawcett, *Poems to Help You Pray*. 2008

BIBLE READINGS (Readers: Janis and David Hogg)

Genesis 27: 41-45 and 28: 10-22

New International Version

Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, 'The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.'

When Rebekah was told what her elder son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, 'Your brother Esau is planning to avenge himself by killing you. Now then, my son, do what I say: flee at once to my brother Laban in Harran. Stay with him for a while until your brother's fury subsides. When your brother is no longer angry with you and forgets what you did to him, I'll send word for you to come back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?'

[28:10] Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

There above it stood the Lord, and he said: 'I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.' He was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.'

Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return

safely to my father's household, then the Lord will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.'

John 1: 51

New International Version

[Jesus said] 'Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on" the Son of Man.'

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HYMN: O God, you search me and you know me (Psalm 139)

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/broBTwmATx0>

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my ways lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you go before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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SHORT ADDRESS: Bethel

HYMN: Just as I am, without one plea

Watch video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MiM4oNRNI0k>

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*I come broken to be mended;
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued;
I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms,
Praise God, just as I am.*

Just as I am, I would be lost,
But mercy and grace my freedom bought.
and now to glory in your cross,
O Lamb of God, I come.

*I come broken to be mended;
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued;
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This version: see www.coffeyministries.org

HOLY COMMUNION: THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

1 John 4:10

THE INVITATION

Jesus invites us to this table

to share the bread and wine which make his promises real to us and bind us together in his love.

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O Lord our God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour.

We thank you that he lived on earth like us,
that he knew disappointment and pain as well as joy and hope,
that he blessed the children and healed those who were ill,
that he reached out to those who were outcasts from society.

We thank you that he was so ready to obey you
that he died on a cross for us and for all the people of the world.

We thank you that he rose from death and is alive today,
blessing and healing and reaching out to the whole world,
and that he is with us now at this table,
reaching out to us, loving and forgiving us.

Heavenly Father, we pray that your Holy Spirit will bless us
and bless this bread and wine to us, as we share together in communion.

May we know in our minds and hearts
the comfort and strength of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who gave himself for us, body and blood,
and may we look forward to being with him in the glory of your kingdom.

Let us 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.**

THE REMEMBERING

We do this in obedience to Christ's example and command.

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 broken for you;
do this in memory of me.'*

In the same way 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.'*

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 SHARING

HYMN: How deep the Father's love for us

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/Wiwys-pp3Po>

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward; I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

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THE PEACE

HYMN: Nearer, my God, to thee (Tune: Bethany)

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

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee:
e'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be: 'Nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!'

Though like the wanderer, daylight all gone,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone,
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

There let the way appear steps up to heaven;
all that thou sendest me in mercy given;
angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!'

Or, if on joyful wing, cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upwards I fly,
still all my song shall be 'Nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!'

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A PARTING PRAYER

You can listen to this at <https://music.churchofscotland.org.uk/hymn/786-may-the-god-of-peace-go-with-us>

May the God of peace go with us
as we travel from this place;
may the love of Jesus keep us
firm in hope and full of grace.

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St Magnus Festival Chorus, Glenys Hughes (Conductor), Jean Leonard (Piano)

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