Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



28th JUNE 2020 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Full Video service at https://youtu.be/vVtOSBFBI1o

WELCOME

Welcome to St Mungo's and to our service for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

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: Glory be to God the Father

Watch video at: https://youtu.be/ikH8DfDADxc?t=39

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit, -great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory, glory, glory while eternal ages run!

Glory be to him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain! Glory be to him who bought us, made us kings with him to reign! Glory, glory, glory, glory, to the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels, glory to the Church's King, glory to the King of nations! Heaven and earth, your praises bring; Glory, glory, glory, glory to the King of glory bring!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'
Thus its praise creation brings;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
glory to the King of kings!

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PRAYER

Faithful God, you called Abraham when he was just one person, and you blessed him and made him many.

Although he was tested, he hung onto your promises.

You showed him that you'd graciously provide a substitute for Isaac.

Father, in that same grace, your Son willingly came to us,

to be an atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the whole world.

Help us to trust your promises in Jesus,

and come humbly to the foot of his cross.

Forgive us our sins and show us your generosity in Jesus,

that we might know we are your handiwork,

created to do good deeds, which you've prepared in advance for us to do. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 22: 1-14

New Revised Standard Version

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.'

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.

Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.'

And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son.

So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Hebrews 11: 17-19 New Revised Standard Version

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

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HYMN: In heavenly love abiding

Watch video at https://youtu.be/7SFxG0h57kk?t=101

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear; and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here: the storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid; but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back; my Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack: his wisdom ever waketh, his sight is never dim, he knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen; bright skies will soon be o'er me, where the dark clouds have been; my hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free; my Saviour has my treasure, and he will walk with me.

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SHORT ADDRESS

HYMN: Rescuer

Watch video at https://youtu.be/dTARgp0Sqpk?t=9

There is good news for the captive, good news for the shamed,

there is good news for the one who walked away,

there is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed,

for the Good Lord has come to seek and save.

He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer.

We are free from sin forever more.

Oh, how sweet the sound; Oh, how grace abounds!

We will praise the Lord our rescuer.

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor.

He is friendship for the one the world ignores.

He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive,

for the Good Lord is the way, the truth, the life.

Yes, the Good Lord is the way, the truth, the life.

He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer.

We are free from sin forever more.

Oh, how sweet the sound; Oh, how grace abounds!

We will praise the Lord our rescuer.

We will praise the Lord our rescuer.

We will praise the Lord our rescuer.

So come and be chainless;

come and be fearless;

come to the foot of Calvary.

There is redemption for every affliction,

here at the foot of Calvary.

So come and be chainless. (Come and be chainless)

Come and be fearless. (Come and be fearless)

Come to the foot of Calvary. (Come to the foot of Calvary)

There is redemption (There is redemption) for every affliction, (for every affliction)

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He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer.

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Words & Music: Rend Collective, Ben Hastings & Brian Fowler

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)

This is the Lord's Table.

and Christ our Saviour invites us to share the feast which he has prepared.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

Great and wonderful are your works, O God.

We thank you for your Son Jesus Christ,

who lived our human life and knew our joys and sorrows.

He showed your love; he healed the sick;

he was a friend to sinners, and to outcasts.

In obedience to you, he took up his cross

and died in love for us and all the world.

You vindicated him, you raised him from the dead to live and reign for ever, the friend of sinners still.

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit to bless us and your gifts of bread and wine to us, that in communion with Christ our Lord we may receive his life and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

As we share in the body and blood of Christ, may we become a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for your acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

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: O come to him, receive him

Watch video at https://youtu.be/Kw2SraGgmq0

O come to him, receive him, he is the living bread; and by his body broken our hungry souls are fed.

O come to him, remember how he, the Lamb of God, gave up his life to save us by his most precious blood.

O come to him, Redeemer, High Priest who intercedes: God looks on us in mercy, his grace supplies our needs.

Let us recall his promise:
"I'll surely come again,
take you where I am going."
Lord, even so. Amen!

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THE PEACE

HYMN: Will Your Anchor Hold?

Watch video at https://youtu.be/PTfypuXwrMA?t=26

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, when the clouds unfold their wings of strife? When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain, will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll; fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear, when the breakers roar and the reef is near? While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow, shall the angry waves then your barque o'erflow?

We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll; fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love

Will your eyes behold through the morning light the city of gold and the harbour bright? Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore, when life's storms are past for evermore?

We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll; fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love

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THE BLESSING

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you. **Amen.**

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