



October 4th 2020

This morning's service is one of a series of joint services for the Church of Scotland congregations in the town; it is led by Rev Graham Astles, and members of Penicuik North Kirk.

This act of worship has been prepared to allow us all to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it. We thank all 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, you'll find it here, this week a 'live stream' from 11.00am <https://youtu.be/Eqizzv75Buw>.

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.

Call to worship: Rev Graham Astles

Opening praise: We plough the fields and scatter

Watch video at: <https://youtu.be/ccVEjKfKAV4>

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord for all his love.*

He only is the Maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,

he lights the evening star;
the wind and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord for all his love.*

We thank you, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good:
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
with what we know you long for:
our humble, thankful hearts!

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord for all his love.*

Welcome: Rev Graham Astles

Prayer of approach, followed by the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Strengthen us through the trials of temptation,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen

"A life worth living": Eunice Astles

Song: So will I

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/fyYn21RdBBO>

God of creation, there at the start
Before the beginning of time.
With no point of reference you spoke to the dark
And fleshed out the wonder of light.

And as You speak a hundred billion galaxies are born.
In the vapour of Your breath the planets form.
If the stars were made to worship so will I.
I can see Your heart in everything You've made.
Every burning star a signal fire of grace.
If creation sings Your praises so will I.

God of Your promise, You don't speak in vain:
No syllable empty or void.
For once You have spoken all nature and science
Follow the sound of Your voice.

And as You speak a hundred billion creatures catch Your breath,
Evolving in pursuit of what You said.
If it all reveals Your nature so will I.
I can see Your heart in everything You say.
Every painted sky a canvas of Your grace.
If creation still obeys You so will I.

If the stars were made to worship so will I.
If the mountains bow in reverence so will I.
If the rocks cry out in silence so will I.
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy,
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times.

God of salvation, You chased down my heart
Through all of my failure and pride.
On a hill You created the light of the world
Abandoned in darkness to die.

And as You speak a hundred billion failures disappear
Where You lost Your life, so I could find it here.
If You left the grave behind You so will I.
I can see Your heart in everything You've done,
Every part designed in a work of art called love.
If You gladly chose surrender so will I.

I can see Your heart eight billion different ways.

Every precious one a child You died to save.
If You gave Your life to love them so will I.

Like You would again a hundred billion times.
But what measure could amount to Your desire?
You're the One who never leaves the one behind.

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But what measure could amount to Your desire?
You're the One who never leaves the one behind.

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READING : Luke 4, 1-14

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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Talk: Developing Holy Habits (Rev Graham Astles)

Video – Holy Habits: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soVxHBCSHqU>

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

CLOSING SONG: Blessed be your name

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/Rw4H5t3TwHM>

Alternative version at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zHDlobrdZ0>

Blessèd be your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where the streams of abundance flow,
blessèd be your name.
And blessèd be your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessèd be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise,
and when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
blessèd be your name.*
*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
blessèd be your glorious name.*

Blessèd be your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be,
blessèd be your name.
And blessèd be your name
on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering,
blessèd be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise,
and when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
blessèd be your name.*
*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
blessèd be your glorious name.*

You give and take away.
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
'Lord, blessèd be your name,'
You give and take away.
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,

'Lord, blessèd be your name.'

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
blessèd be your name.*

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
blessèd be your glorious name.*

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BENEDICTION

.....and all God's people said: **"Amen"**

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