

## **Welcome** to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



Tonight's service should have taken place in Penicuik North Church, but of course, at this time, none of us is able to attend church. This act of worship has been prepared to allow us all to some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it.

It 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. This link takes you to the whole service on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrQRn7vWoQg>

**EASTER MEDITATION: Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

### **Prayer of Blessing**

Bless us, Lord, this day with vision.  
May this place be a sacred place, a telling place,  
where heaven and earth meet.

### **Hymn: Holy Spirit, we welcome you**

Holy Spirit, we welcome you.  
Holy Spirit, we welcome you.  
Move amongst us with holy fire  
As we lay aside all earthly desire;  
Hands reach out and hearts aspire  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome you.

Holy Spirit, we welcome you.  
Holy Spirit, we welcome you.  
Let the breeze of your presence blow,  
That your children here might truly know  
How to move in the spirit's flow.  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome you.

Holy Spirit, we welcome you.  
Holy Spirit, we welcome you.  
Please accomplish in me today  
Some new work of loving grace I pray.  
Unreservedly have your way.  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Holy Spirit, we welcome you.

*(c) Chris Bowater*

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in this sacred and solemn week when we see again  
the depth and mystery of your redeeming love,  
help us to follow where you go,  
to stop where you stumble,  
to listen when you cry,  
to hurt as you suffer,  
to bow our heads in sorrow when you die,  
so that when you are raised to life again  
we may share your endless joy.

### **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**

## Readings:

### Isaiah 42:1-9

**42** “Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him,  
and he will bring justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not shout or cry out,  
or raise his voice in the streets.

<sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

<sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

<sup>5</sup> This is what God the Lord says—

the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,  
who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:

<sup>6</sup> “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,

<sup>7</sup> to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Lord; that is my name!  
I will not yield my glory to another  
or my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have taken place,  
and new things I declare;  
before they spring into being  
I announce them to you.”

## John 12:1-11

**12** Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup> "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." <sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup> "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial." <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

<sup>9</sup> Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, <sup>11</sup> for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

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### Silence

### Reflection

### Lament

**Leader:** Children sing your praises,

**All: But we have gone our own way.**

**Leader:** Angels support and uphold you,

**All: But we have gone our own way.**

**Leader:** A donkey willingly bears your weight,

**All; But we have gone our own way.**

**Leader:** A thief will cry to you for mercy,

**All: But we have gone our own way.**

**Leader:** When you were crucified, O Word,  
you offered your body and blood on behalf of all:  
your body to refashion me, your blood to wash me clean.  
You gave up your spirit, O Christ, to bring me to your Father.

*From St Andrew of Crete*

**All: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

**Hymn 489:** Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcoming's weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

## **Prayer**

God to enfold me, God to surround me,  
God in my speaking, God in my thinking,  
God in my sleeping, God in my waking,  
God in my watching, God in my hoping,  
God in my life, God in my lips,  
God in my soul, God in my heart,  
God in my sufficing, God in my slumber,  
God in mine ever-living soul,  
God in mine eternity. **Amen.**

*(Celtic Hymn – Carmina Gaedelica)*