



June 7th 2020



This morning's service is one of a series of joint services for the Church of Scotland congregations in the town. This act of worship has been prepared to allow us all to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it. It is

led by Rev Peter Wood, of Penicuik South with Howgate.

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 <https://youtu.be/rEqV9MOLEt0> 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. NB The phone recording of the sermon is an abridged version – the full sermon is available on YouTube.

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION: Rev Peter Wood

OPENING WORDS (Nicholson Family and Joyce Maclean, PSKH)

Creator of the Cosmos,
of eternity and of time
Be with us in this time

Saviour of the World,
Healer of the nations
Be with us in this place

Breath of all that lives;
of people near and far
Stir within our lives

Maker-Spirit-Son
God of here & now
Be present in our gathering
That we may find new ways
to be present in your world

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Opening worship: All creatures of our God and King

Watch video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUZD0hgtSgE>

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise him, alleluia,
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by his blood
Come and rejoice in his great love
O praise him, alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin,
Cast all your burdens now on him
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He shall return in power to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise him, alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended Knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia!
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Original words (vv1,2) St Francis of Assisi, translated by William Henry Draper

Additional words (vv3,4) Jonathan Baird and Ryan Baird, 2013 Sovereign Grace Worship(ASCAP)

SIGHTS and SMELLS: Katy Jackson (StM)

CREATION QUIZ

READINGS

Psalm 104, 1-9 and, 1-120 24-33: Anne Hamilton (PSKH)

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, you are very great!

You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.

He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;
he makes the clouds his chariot;
he rides on the wings of the wind;
he makes his messengers winds,
his ministers a flaming fire.

He set the earth on its foundations,
so that it should never be moved.

You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they fled;
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.
The mountains rose, the valleys sank down
to the place that you appointed for them.

You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.....

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Here is the sea, great and wide,
which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.

There go the ships,
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.
These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works,
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

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Genesis 1, 1-10: David Symington (PNK)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

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REFLECTIONS: Peter Wood,
with input from Margaret Barry (StM), Doug McGavin (PSKH), Alice Symington (PNK)

REFLECTIVE SONG (CH4 798): The peace of the earth be with you

Watch video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI548QG-dEA>.

The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God’s peace growing in you.

*Words: Guatemalan traditional Trans: Christine Carson Music: Guatemalan traditional
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PRAYERS FOR OTHERS: Bill Webster (StM)

FATHER GOD, thank you for the wonders of your creation – for its beauty, its harmony and the way it sustains life. We confess that we're not looking after it properly – even to the extent that we're in danger of destroying it. Open our eyes to the damage we're doing and point us in the right direction, so that we can look after your creation responsibly, the way you need us to and call us to.

Thank you that you care about this world so much that you came into it in the person of the Lord Jesus, to open up for us the way to eternal life through your death and resurrection. Thank you that that life can start here and now, and will never come to an end. Inspire us through your Spirit to pass on this Good News so that more and more people can find the peace and joy that following Jesus brings.

FATHER GOD, you have given us this wonderful world, but there are people in it who are suffering, and we bring some of them to you now. We pray for everyone who has been bereaved or who has lost their livelihood because of the covid-19 pandemic. And we pray too for the victims of natural disasters like the recent cyclone in the Kolkata area and the floods in Bangladesh. LORD, will you bring immediate relief in these situations and also help us to find long-term solutions so that similar events in the future won't have such catastrophic effects.

LOVING GOD, we bring all these prayers to you in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord, **AMEN**

CLOSING SONG: God the maker of the heavens (Tune: what a friend we have in Jesus)

Watch at https://www.resoundworship.org/song/god_the_maker_of_the_heavens

God, the maker of the heavens,
and the planet that we share,
show us how to live, like Jesus,
lives of gratitude and care.
Make us mindful of the footprints
from the lives that we pursue.
Make us partners in your mission:
you are making all things new.

God, the gardener of Eden,
teach us how to tend this earth,
learning from the changing seasons,
times of fallow and new birth.
Lord have mercy when we're careless,

rich resources we misuse.
Use our hands to heal creation:
you are making all things new.

God of labour and vocation,
Lord of science, trade and art,
take our efforts and our passions
make them mirrors of your heart.
Every habitat and creature
loved and valued, God, by you.
May our lives reveal your Kingdom:
you are making all things new.

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CLOSING WORDS

Voice 1 Let us join together with God
Voice 2 who established the dance of creation,
Voice 1 who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Voice 2 and who transforms chaos to order.

**All *Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
to reflect God's glory in creation.***

(Churches Together Britain & Ireland, Eco-Congregation Programme)

BLESSING (Peter Wood)

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The following congregations were involved in this service:

PNK: Penicuik North Church
PSKH: Penicuik South with Howgate
StM: Penicuik St Mungo's