

OPENING MUSIC: The Lord our God is good

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*Please listen to this song
as we shall sing it later in the service.*

The Lord our God is good!

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*Full of kindness and compassion,
merciful and just:*

the Lord our God is good! (x2)

Who else knows our deepest pain,
bears it as his own;

finds us in our naked shame,
clothes and brings us home?

The Lord our God is good... (x1)

Who takes his inheritance
and gives it all away;

welcomes guests to feast with him
who never can repay?

The Lord our God is good... (x1)

Full of kindness and compassion...

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WELCOME and NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, NIRV*)

One: God has given us the task
of bringing others back to him through Christ.

**All: God has trusted us with the message
that people may be brought back to him.**

One: It is as if God were making his appeal
through us.

**All: Here is what Christ wants us
to beg you to do.
Come back to God!**

One: Christ didn't have any sin.

**All: But God made him become sin for us.
So we can be made right with God
because of what Christ has done for us.**

SONG: In Christ alone my hope is found

Watch video <https://youtu.be/piCXtnNy6ns>

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all-in-all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! —who took on flesh,
fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied—
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine—
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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PRAYER

SHORT FOCUS: TryPraying: The Fisherman's Story

Watch video: <https://youtu.be/Y11EQIFHcvg?t=868>

SONG: The Lord our God is good

See OPENING MUSIC for the words.

SONG: How great are You, Lord!

Watch video <https://youtu.be/eSCvmznbY9A>

*How great are You, Lord! How great is Your mercy.
How great are the things that You have done for me.*

How great are You, Lord! Your loving kindness
is filling my heart as I sing: "How great are You Lord!"
How great is Your love! It reaches to the heavens--
how great is the heart that sought and rescued me.

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(Instrumental)

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is filling my heart as I sing...

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BIBLE READING (Reader: Gordon MacDonald)
LUKE 15:1-3, 11b-32 (Common English Bible)

REFLECTIONS

PRAYERS for OTHER PEOPLE and OURSELVES
(led by Ruth Aird)

SONG: Above the voices of the world

(Please sit & listen)

Watch video https://youtu.be/xqEcm8_J-s4

Above the voices of the world around me,
my hopes and dreams, my cares and loves and fears,
the long-awaited call of Christ has found me,
the voice of Jesus echoes in my ears:

'I gave my life to break the cords that bind you,
I rose from death to set your spirit free;
turn from your sins, and put the past behind you,
take up your cross and come and follow me.'

What can I offer him who calls me to him?
Only the wastes of sin and self and shame;
a mind confused, a heart that never knew him,
a tongue unskilled at naming Jesus' name.

Yet at your call, and hungry for your blessing,
drawn by that cross which moves a heart of stone,
now Lord I come, my tale of sin confessing,
and in repentance turn to you alone.

Lord, I believe; help now my unbelieving;
I come in faith because your promise stands.
Your word of pardon and of peace receiving,
all that I am I place within your hands.

Let me become what you shall choose to make me,
freed from the guilt and burden of my sins.
Jesus is mine, who never shall forsake me,
and in his love my new-born life begins.

Timothy Dudley-Smith ©1987 OUP

HOLY COMMUNION:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

SONG: Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/sVtin63Nukw>

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free;
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me
and like a flood his mercy reigns:
unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine,
but God, who called me here below
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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Verses: John Newton (1725-1807)

Refrain: Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC: Then at Last (Psalm 32)

Watch video: <https://youtu.be/tt7t0nFxmBs>

Blest is the soul that's free from deceit—
no need to hide what he says from what he means.
Blest is the heart forgiven by love,
whose every fault our good Lord covers up.

Long I disguised and buried my shame;
ran through the night and I groaned through the day.
Shelter I sought where I thought I was safe,
but, oh silent soul, how you wasted away!

Then at last I told all my sins,
and with shouts of joy, lovin' arms drew me in
to my one true safe place:
in the love of God and the family of grace!

So listen up, if you truly want to live:
do not hide alone in the dark like this one fool did.
Be not like the mule as he fights against the reins.
Come, let your broken heart be bound by grace!

Then at last I told all my sins...

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Penicuik Trinity Community Church (Church of Scotland)



**Welcome to our service today,
30th March 2025**

Whether you come here regularly,
or are a visitor, we are glad
that you can be with us today.
We hope you'll stay after the service
for tea/coffee and fellowship.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you,
members of the prayer team will be glad to meet
with you after the service, at the front of the hall.

KIDSPACE

If you have children with you today, we have
activities for them during the service.
Please ask a welcomer, or listen out for
announcements from the front.

**Next week: Lent 5
Philippians 3: Knowing Christ**

Church website:

www.penicuiktrinitycommunity.church

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A quiet shared space where it's OK not to be OK

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