

OPENING MUSIC: Let all creation sing!

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

*Let all creation sing before the Lord
and every nation of the earth rejoice,
let all the trees lift a shout of joy for the Lord is King.
Let the deep waters of the sea resound,
let every mountain, every hill sing out,
let all the fields make a joyful sound
for the Lord is King.*

Mighty river, barren desert,
howling wind and stormy weather,
every canyon every valley,
sing your praise and give him glory.

Nature proclaims the glory of our God,
nature proclaims his name.

Let all creation sing before the Lord...

Every star and constellation,
every wonder in the heavens,
silver moon and supernova,
sing a shining hallelujah!

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Honeybees and weeping willows,
grizzly bears and armadillos,
every narwhal and sea otter,
every son and every daughter.

Nature proclaims the glory of our God,
nature proclaims his name.

Let all creation sing before the Lord...

La la la la, la, la la! All the earth praise the Lord! (x6)

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WELCOME and NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 148:13)

One: All creation, come praise the name of the Lord.

All: His name is greater than any other.

Only God's majesty is over earth and heaven.

SONG: How great thou art!

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<https://youtu.be/7bVOBHJhmgE?list=PLkTM3laIbXdDUVoDG9KTZNTVLJYACKCMf>

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour-God, to thee,
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'*
(repeat refrain)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour-God, to thee....

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: 'My God, how great thou art!'

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PRAYER

ALL-AGE SPOT

SONG: Let all creation sing!

See OPENING MUSIC for the words.

BIBLE READINGS (Reader: Heather Nicholas)

Romans 8: 18-28 (Common English Bible)

Revelation 21: 1-7 (New International Reader's Vn)

REFLECTIONS

SONG: Now we hear creation groaning (T: Dim and Jesu)

Watch video https://youtu.be/52IGA5_JZN4

Now we hear creation groaning
like a prisoner held in chains,
yearning for unbridled freedom,
healing from its present pains:

for the cosmos is in labour,
bearing worlds as yet unknown,
incomplete without the people
God has chosen as his own.

But the saints are also groaning
with this aching hope we bear;
through involvement in life's turmoil,
Jesus' wounds are ours to share:
in the church, the world's frustrations
can be focused, felt and healed,
as a better, new creation
is foreshadowed and revealed.

So we find, in all this anguish,
God's intentions are expressed,
for the groans the Spirit utters
are the deepest and the best:
and those painful, strong emotions
human words can never tell –
God the Spirit, who evokes them,
now interprets them as well.

Since this fallen, splendid cosmos
is the womb to greater things,
and since we, in all our frailty,
serve the broken King of kings,
teach us, God, to hear your Spirit
whose maternal, wordless call
is the heart of our vocation
and the truest prayer of all.

Martin E. Leckebusch (b.1962) © ME Leckebusch

PRAYERS for OTHER PEOPLE and OURSELVES (led by Holly & Lucy)

**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: Glorious things of thee are spoken (T: Austria)

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

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.
Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day,
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC: Living Waters

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Are you thirsty, are you empty?
Come and drink these Living Waters.
Time unbroken, peace unspoken,
rest beside these Living Waters.
Christ is calling, find refreshing
at the cross of Living Waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone--
rise up in these Living Waters.

*There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure; do not fear anymore.
Praise the Lord of Living Waters!*

Spirit moving, mercy washing,
healing in these Living Waters.
Lead your children to the shoreline:
life is in these Living Waters.

There's a river that flows...

Are you thirsty, are you empty?
Come and drink these Living Waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless,
Christ, He is our Living Water.

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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 back of the church.

PASTORAL CARE

Please let us know of anyone who would like a
telephone call, or a visit at home or in hospital.
Please phone Margaret Webster on 672347

**Penicuik Trinity Community Church
(Church of Scotland)**



**Welcome to our service today,
18th May 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 in 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: Easter 6
Holy Communion – in the hall**

Church website:
www.penicuiktrinitycommunity.church

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