

Evening Prayer for 30 May 2020 - Welcome

Welcome to Evening Prayer from St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow which will be shared in cyberspace in a Zoom meeting room and led by the Provost, the Very Rev Kelvin Holdsworth.

The cathedral experimented with this for a few years starting in December 2011 and these services have been revived during the time that church buildings are shut due to the Corona Virus.

One of the things which causes some difficulty is the slight time lag between the different people speaking. This makes reciting something together a bit of a challenge and the delays would make singing something together impossible.

The service this evening will be led by 2 people – the leader and responder. These two people will keep their microphones on throughout. Everyone else will be muted for the first part of the service. Your microphone will be unmuted so that we can say the Magnificat and the Lord's Prayer together and so that you can contribute an intercession if you want to do so. Please join in aloud with all the prayers in bold, saying them with the responder.

The number of people attending will be recorded in the service book at St Mary's.

The service will begin at 1700 BST.. The room will be open from 1645. People will go into a waiting room first and be admitted into the main room. (This is to cope with the problem of non-participants disrupting publicly advertised zoom meetings). Please try to arrive before 5 pm.

The zoom page you are looking for is:

<https://zoom.us/j/98991830332?pwd=dW15ZXFKNUJKbnZFWmdXekREMDeYrQT09>

Meeting ID: 989 9183 0332 Password: 021197

Your microphone will be muted unless you are one of the 2 leaders.

New Life – The Lord – Saturday

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Psalmody

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful spirit.

Opening - from Psalm 51

- 1 You look for truth deep within me,*
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 2 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;*
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 3 Create in me a clean heart, O God,*
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 4 **Cast me not away from your presence*
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

**Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Psalm 136

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,*
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Give thanks to the God of gods,*
for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,*
for his mercy endures for ever.

- 4 Who only does great wonders,*
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 5 Who by his wisdom made the heavens,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 6 Who spread out the earth upon the waters,*
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 7 Who created great lights,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day,*
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night,*
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,*
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 11 And brought out Israel from among them,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm,*
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 13 Who divided the Red Sea in two,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it,*
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 16 Who led his people through the wilderness,*
for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 17 Who struck down great kings,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 18 And slew mighty kings,*
for his mercy endures for ever;**
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- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 20 And Og, the king of Bashan,*
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 22 An inheritance for Israel his servant,*
for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 23 Who remembered us in our low estate,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies,*
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 25 Who gives food to all creatures,*
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,*
for his mercy endures for ever.**

**Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Conclusion – from Romans 8

- 1 If God is for us, who is against us?*
- The God who did not spare his own Son,
will he not give us all things with him?
- 2 It is God who justifies; who is to condemn?***
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
- 3 Neither death nor life,*
nor angels nor principalities;
- 4 Nor things present, nor things to come,*
nor depth, nor height;**
- 5 Nor powers, nor anything in all creation*
shall separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

**Give me the joy of your saving help again,
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Readings

Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20

Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples.

Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.' So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.' Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a trumpet so loud that all the people who were in the camp trembled. Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the Lord had descended upon it in fire; the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently. As the blast of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses would speak and God would answer him in thunder. When the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, the Lord summoned Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

1 Peter 2:4-10

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner',

and

'A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

Silence

Response – from Psalm 30.1

Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; alleluia, alleluia.

Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; alleluia, alleluia.

There is no limit to his wisdom.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; alleluia, alleluia.

Your microphone will unmuted at this point.

Magnificat

In the Spirit
we have access to the Father; alleluia!

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for you, Lord, have looked with favour on your lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

**You, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.**

**You have mercy on those who fear you
from generation to generation.**

**You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**

**You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.**

**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

In the Spirit
we have access to the Father; alleluia!

Prayers

Anyone can offer a prayer at this point in the service.

*Prayers may end with the bidding: Lord in your mercy – **Hear our Prayer.***

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.**

**Do not bring us to the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Your microphone will be muted at this point.

Maker and Sustainer of all things, Source of all life and goodness, help us always to love and serve one another, and to worship you with joy and gladness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lord God almighty, come and dispel the darkness from our hearts, that in the radiance of your brightness we may know you, the only unfading light, glorious in all eternity. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God!

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing:
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.