

Evening Prayer for 15 August 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 is asked to click the mute button in their zoom window for the first part of the service. Please unmute your microphone 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 GMT. 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: bit.ly/2S9XUQa

Meeting ID: 989 9183 0332 – Password: 021197

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

Feast of Mary the Virgin

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

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Opening - from Psalm 149

- 1 Let Israel rejoice in his maker;*
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 2 **For the Lord takes pleasure in his people*
and adorns the poor with victory.**
- 3 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;*
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 4 **Let the praises of God be in their throat*
and a two-edged sword in their hand.**

**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 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,*
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 **It is like fine oil upon the head*
that runs down upon the beard,**
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron,*
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 **It is like the dew of Hermon*
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:*
life for evermore.

**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 Revelation 4 and 5

- 1 Glory and honour and power*
are yours by right, O Lord our God;
- 2 **For you created all things*
and by your will they have their being.**
- 3 Glory and honour and power*
are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain;
- 4 **For by your blood you ransomed us for God,*
from every race and language, from every people and nation.**
- 5 To make us a kingdom of priests*
to stand and serve before our God.
- 6 **To God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb*
be praise and honour, glory and might.**

**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.**

**Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

Readings

Zechariah 2.10-13

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord. Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. The Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.

Be silent, all people, before the Lord; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Silence

Response – from Psalm 147.12

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

We wait in hope for your mercy.

Those who fear you.

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

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

Your microphone will be unmuted at this point.

Magnificat

Blessed is she
who believed that the Lord's promise would be fulfilled.

**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.**

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who believed that the Lord's promise would be fulfilled.

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.**

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O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son. May we who have been redeemed by his blood, share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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.