

Evening Prayer for 26 September 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=dW15ZXFKNUJKbnZFWmdXekREMdYrQT09>

Meeting ID: 989 9183 0332 Password: 021197

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

Other Times – Week A, 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

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendour.

Opening - from Psalms 104.1

- 1 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,*
and the sun knows the time of its setting.
- 2 **You make darkness that it may be night,*
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.**
- 3 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;*
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 4 **May these words of mine please him;*
I will rejoice in the 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.**

Psalm 33

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;*
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 **Praise the Lord with the harp;*
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.**
- 3 Sing for him a new song;*
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

- 4 For the word of the Lord is right,*
and all his works are sure.**
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice;*
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,*
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin*
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass;*
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught;*
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever,*
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!*
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven,*
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze*
on all who dwell on the earth.**
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them*
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;*
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;*
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,*
on those who wait upon his love,**
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- 19 To pluck their lives from death,*
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 **Our soul waits for the Lord;***
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,*
for in his holy name we put our trust.
- 22 **Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,***
as we have put our trust in you.

**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 1 John 4

- 1 Beloved let us love one another,*
for love is of God;
- 2 **And those who love are born of God*
and know God.**
- 3 Those who do not love do not know God,*
for God is love.
- 4 **In this the love of God was made manifest among us,*
that God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.**
- 5 In this is love: not that we loved God,*
but that God loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.
- 6 **Beloved, if God so loved us,*
we also ought to love one another.**

**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.**

**O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendour.**

Readings

Acts 17.16-34

After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples; and after encouraging them and saying farewell, he left for Macedonia. When he had gone through those regions and had given the believers much encouragement, he came to Greece, where he stayed for three months. He was about to set sail for Syria when a plot was made against him by the Jews, and so he decided to return through Macedonia. He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Beroea, by Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, by Gaius from Derbe, and by Timothy, as well as by Tychicus and Trophimus from Asia. They went ahead and were waiting for us in Troas; but we sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we joined them in Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, 'Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.' Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted.

We went ahead to the ship and set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul on board there; for he had made this arrangement, intending to go by land himself. When he met us in Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. We sailed from there, and on the following day we arrived opposite Chios. The next day we touched at Samos, and the day after that we came to Miletus. For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; he was eager to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

Luke 4.38-44

After leaving the synagogue Jesus entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. Demons also came out of many, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!' But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.' So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

Silence**Response – from Psalm 28.11**

Your word is a lantern to my feet
Your word is a lantern to my feet.

A light upon my path.
A lantern to my feet.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Your word is a lantern to my feet.

Your microphone will unmuted at this point.

Magnificat

God has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
as he promised to Abraham and his children.

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.

God has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
as he promised to Abraham and his children.

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.

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe. In your loving kindness you watch over your chosen people. Make us witnesses to your truth and instruments of your peace, that all may know you as the God of justice, and praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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.