

## **Evening Prayer for 17 October 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.*

## Week D – 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

As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
**so our eyes look to the Lord our God.**

### Opening - from Psalm 119

- 1 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another \*  
you established the earth, and it abides.
- 2 **By your decree these continue to this day \*  
for all things are your servants.**
- 3 I will never forget your commandments, \*  
because by them you give me life.
- 4 **I see that all things come to an end, \*  
but your commandment has no bounds.**

**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.**

### Psalms 42 and 43

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks,\*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 **My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;\*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?**
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night,\*  
while all day long they say to me, 'Where now is your God?'

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- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things:\***  
**how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,**
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,\*  
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?\***  
**and why are you so disquieted within me?**
- 7 Put your trust in God;\*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me;\***  
**therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,**  
**and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.**
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts;\*  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime;\***  
**in the night season his song is with me,**  
**a prayer to the God of my life.**
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength, 'Why have you forgotten me?\*'   
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?'
- 12 While my bones are being broken,\***  
**my enemies mock me to my face;**
- 13 All day long they mock me\*  
and say to me, 'Where now is your God?'
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?\***  
**and why are you so disquieted within me?**
- 15 Put your trust in God;\*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 1 Give judgement for me, O God,**  
**and defend my cause against an ungodly people;\***  
**deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.**
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- 2 For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?
- 3 **Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;**
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
- 5 **Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?**
- 6 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**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 5 and 15**

- 1 Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty; \*  
just and true are your ways, O King of the ages!
- 2 **Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? \*  
for you alone are holy.**
- 3 All nations shall come and worship in your presence, \*  
for your just dealings have been revealed.
- 4 **To God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb \*  
be praise and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen**
- 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.**
- As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the Lord our God.**

## Readings

### **Acts 28.17-31**

Three days later Paul called together the local leaders of the Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, ‘Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, yet I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. When they had examined me, the Romans wanted to release me, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to the emperor—even though I had no charge to bring against my nation. For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is for the sake of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.’ They replied, ‘We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken anything evil about you. But we would like to hear from you what you think, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.’

After they had fixed a day to meet him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: ‘The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah,

“Go to this people and say,

You will indeed listen, but never understand,

and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

For this people’s heart has grown dull,

and their ears are hard of hearing,

and they have shut their eyes;  
so that they might not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and understand with their heart and turn—  
and I would heal them.”

Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.’

He lived there for two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

### **Luke 9.37-50**

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met Jesus. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, ‘Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he\* shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.’ Jesus answered, ‘You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.’ While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, ‘Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.’ But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.'

John answered, 'Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.' But Jesus said to him, 'Do not stop him; for whoever is not against you is for you.'

## Silence

### Response – from Psalm 28.11

Lord your word is everlasting.

**Lord your word is everlasting.**

It stands firm in the heavens.

**Your word is everlasting.**

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

**Lord, your word is everlasting.**

*You are invited to unmute your microphone 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.*

God of mercy, deliver those who are weighed down by fear and depression, and give them joy and gladness in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.**