

Evening Prayer for 21 February 2021 - 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 and the Vice Provost, the Rev Canon Oliver Brewer-Lennon.

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.

Returning to God – 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

Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

Opening - from Psalm 25

- 1 You are the God of my salvation;*
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 2 **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,*
for they are from everlasting.**
- 3 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;*
remember me according to your love.
- 4 **Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,*
for my hope has been 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.**

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?'

- 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.**
- 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.

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Conclusion – from Matthew 5

- 1 Blessed are the poor in spirit,*
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 2 Blessed are those who mourn,*
for they shall be comforted.**
- 3 Blessed are the meek,*
for they shall inherit the earth.
- 4 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,*
for they shall be satisfied.**
- 5 Blessed are the merciful,*
for they shall obtain mercy.

- 6 Blessed are the pure in heart,*
for they shall see God.**
- 7 Blessed are the peacemakers,*
for they shall be called the children of God.
- 8 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,*
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**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.**

**Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.**

Readings

Titus 3.1-15

Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarrelling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure.

I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned.

When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Make every effort to send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, and see that they lack nothing. And let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive.

All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with all of you.

John 1.43-51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Silence

Response – from Psalm 28.11

You, Lord are gracious and full of compassion.

You, Lord are gracious and full of compassion.

Slow to anger, full of kindness and truth.

Full of compassion.

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

You, Lord are slow to anger and full of compassion.

Your microphone will unmuted at this point.

Magnificat

Create in me
a clean heart, O God.

**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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a clean heart, O God.

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.**

Please mute your microphone at this point.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.