

## **Evening Prayer for 17 April 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**

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*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

With you is the well of life,  
**and in your light we see light.**

### Opening - from Psalm 39

- 1 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,\*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 2 **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep;\***  
**you save both man and beast, O Lord**
- 3 How priceless is your love, O God!\*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 4 **They feast upon the abundance of your house;\***  
**you give them drive from the river of your delights.**

**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 145

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King,\*  
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- 2 **Every day will I bless you\***  
**and praise your name for ever and ever.**
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;\*  
there is no end to his greatness.

- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another\*  
and shall declare your power.**
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty\*  
and all your marvellous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,\*  
and I will tell of your greatness.**
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;\*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,\*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone\*  
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord,\*  
and your faithful servants bless you.**
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom\*  
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power\*  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.**
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;\*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words\*  
and merciful in all his deeds.**
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall;\*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,\*  
and you give them their food in due season.**
- 17 You open wide your hand\*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways\*  
and loving in all his works.**
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19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him,\*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

**20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him,\*  
he hears their cry and helps them.**

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him,\*  
but he destroys all the wicked.

**22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;\*  
let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and 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 Colossians 1**

1 Give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;\*  
he has delivered us from the dominion of darkness.

**2 He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,\*  
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.**

3 He is the image of the invisible God,\*  
the first-born of all creation.

**4 For in him all things were created,\*  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.**

5 He is the head of the body, the church;\*  
he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead.

**6 In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,\*  
to reconcile all things to himself,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

**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.**

**With you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.**

## Readings

### **1 John 3.11-18**

This is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

**Luke 4.1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,  
"Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,  
"He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you",  
and  
"On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## Silence

### Response – from Psalm 28.11

I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up; alleluia, alleluia.

**I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up; alleluia, alleluia.**

You have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up; alleluia, alleluia.**

*Your microphone will unmuted at this point.*

## **Magnificat**

**I am the good shepherd,  
says the Lord, 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.**

**I am the good shepherd,  
says the Lord, 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.**

*Please mute your microphone at this point.*

Almighty God, give us grace to know you more and more, that knowing we may love and loving we may praise, that the whole world may hear your name and worship you, through Jesus Christ out 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.**