

## **Evening Prayer for 19 June 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.*

*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?'

- 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 4.32-5.11**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 'Ananias,' Peter asked, 'why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!' Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, 'Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price.' And she said, 'Yes, that was the price.' Then Peter said to her, 'How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.' Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they

carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

**Luke 21.20-28**

‘When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it; for these are days of vengeance, as a fulfilment of all that is written. Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress on the earth and wrath against this people; they will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken away as captives among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

**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.**

*Please 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.**