

Evening Prayer for 17 July 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 13.26-43

‘My brothers, you descendants of Abraham’s family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent. Because the residents of Jerusalem and their leaders did not recognize him or understand the words of the prophets that are read every sabbath, they fulfilled those words by condemning him. Even though they found no cause for a sentence of death, they asked Pilate to have him killed. When they had carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead; and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, and they are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to our ancestors he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm,

“You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.”

As to his raising him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,

“I will give you the holy promises made to David.”

Therefore he has also said in another psalm,

“You will not let your Holy One experience corruption.”

For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, died, was laid beside his ancestors, and experienced corruption; but he whom God raised up experienced no corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, my brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you; by this Jesus everyone who believes is set free from all

those sins from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. Beware, therefore, that what the prophets said does not happen to you:

“Look, you scoffers!

Be amazed and perish,
for in your days I am doing a work,
a work that you will never believe, even if someone tells you.” ’

As Paul and Barnabas were going out, the people urged them to speak about these things again the next sabbath. When the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

Mark 3.19b-35

Then Jesus went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters* are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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.