

Evening Prayer for 24 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.

Other Times – Week A, 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

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendour.

Opening - from Psalms 104.1

- 1 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,*
and the sun knows the time of its setting.
- 2 **You make darkness that it may be night,*
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.**
- 3 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;*
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 4 **May these words of mine please him;***
I will rejoice in the Lord.

**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 33

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;*
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 **Praise the Lord with the harp;***
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song;*
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

- 4 For the word of the Lord is right,*
and all his works are sure.**
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice;*
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,*
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin*
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass;*
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught;*
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever,*
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!*
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven,*
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze*
on all who dwell on the earth.**
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them*
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;*
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;*
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,*
on those who wait upon his love,**
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- 19 To pluck their lives from death,*
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord;***
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,*
for in his holy name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,***
as we have put our trust 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.**

Conclusion – from 1 John 4

- 1 Beloved let us love one another,*
for love is of God;
- 2 And those who love are born of God*
and know God.**
- 3 Those who do not love do not know God,*
for God is love.
- 4 In this the love of God was made manifest among us,*
that God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.**
- 5 In this is love: not that we loved God,*
but that God loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.
- 6 Beloved, if God so loved us,*
we also ought to love one another.**

**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.**

**O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendour.**

Readings

Acts 15.22-35

Then the apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the believers of Gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds, we have decided unanimously to choose representatives and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

So they were sent off and went down to Antioch. When they gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. When its members read it, they rejoiced at the exhortation. Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the believers. After they had been there for some time, they were sent off in peace by the believers to those who had sent them. But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, and there, with many others, they taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord.

Mark 6.1-13

Jesus left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Silence

Response – from Psalm 28.11

Your word is a lantern to my feet

Your word is a lantern to my feet.

A light upon my path.

A lantern to my feet.

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

Your word is a lantern to my feet.

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.**

Please mute your microphone at this point.

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe. In your loving kindness you watch over your chosen people. Make us witnesses to your truth and instruments of your peace, that all may know you as the God of justice, and praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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.