

Evening Prayer for 9 October 2021 - Welcome

Welcome to Evening Prayer from St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow which will be shared in cyberspace in a Zoom meeting room.

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.

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=dW15ZXFKNUJKbnZFWmdXekREM DYrQT09>

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

1 Corinthians 15.12-29

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For ‘God has put all things in subjection under his feet.’ But when it says, ‘All things are put in subjection’, it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

Otherwise, what will those people do who receive baptism on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf?

Matthew 11.7-15

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.”

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came; and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. Let anyone with ears listen!

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.