

Evening Prayer for 23 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 is asked to click the mute button in their zoom window for the first part of the service. Please unmute your microphone 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 GMT. 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: bit.ly/2S9XUQa

Meeting ID: 989 9183 0332 – Password: 021197

Your microphone will be muted unless you are one of the 2 leaders.

Feast of St James of Jerusalem

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

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Opening - from Psalm 149

- 1 Let Israel rejoice in his maker;*
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 2 **For the Lord takes pleasure in his people*
and adorns the poor with victory.**
- 3 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;*
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 4 **Let the praises of God be in their throat*
and a two-edged sword in their hand.**

**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 116 and 117

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upon him.
- 2 **The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;*
I came to grief and sorrow.**
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:*
'O Lord, I pray you, save my life.'

- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous;*
our God is full of compassion.**
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent;*
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul,*
for the Lord has treated you well.**
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death,*
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord*
in the land of the living.**
- 9 I believed, even when I said,
'I have been brought very low.'*
In my distress I said, 'No one can be trusted.'
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord*
for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord*
in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord*
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant;*
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving*
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord*
in the presence of all his people.**

17 In the courts of the Lord's house,*
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

1 Praise the Lord, all you nations;*
laud him, all you peoples.

2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great,*
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.
Hallelujah!

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 4 and 5

1 Glory and honour and power*
are yours by right, O Lord our God;

2 For you created all things*
and by your will they have their being.

3 Glory and honour and power*
are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain;

4 For by your blood you ransomed us for God,*
from every race and language, from every people and nation.

5 To make us a kingdom of priests*
to stand and serve before our God.

6 To God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb*
be praise and honour, glory and might.

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.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Readings

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Matthew 10.16-22

‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Silence

Response – from Psalm 147.12

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

We wait in hope for your mercy.

Those who fear you.

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

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

Your microphone will be unmuted at this point.

Magnificat

Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.

**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.**

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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.**

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Grant, O God, that, following the example of your servant James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.