

## **Evening Prayer for 30 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](https://bit.ly/2S9XUQa)**

**Meeting ID: 989 9183 0332 – Password: 021197**

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

## Eve of the Feast of All Saints

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

### **Wisdom 3.1-9**

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

### **Revelation 19.1, 4-10**

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in  
heaven, saying,

‘Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power to our God,  
And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and  
worshipped God who is seated on the throne, saying,  
‘Amen. Hallelujah!’

And from the throne came a voice saying,

‘Praise our God,  
all you his servants,

and all who fear him,  
small and great.’

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

‘Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready;

to her it has been granted to be clothed  
with fine linen, bright and pure’ —

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God.’ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’

## Silence

## Response

Zion shall be your resting place forever.

**Zion shall be your resting place forever.**

Here will you dwell for you delight in her.

**Your resting place forever.**

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

**Zion shall be your resting place forever.**

*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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shall reap with songs of joy.



## 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.*

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.**