

## **Evening Prayer for 6 November 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=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

### **Revelation 17.1-14**

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the judgement of the great whore who is seated on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and with the wine of whose fornication the inhabitants of the earth have become drunk.' So he carried me away in the spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her fornication; and on her forehead was written a name, a mystery: 'Babylon the great, mother of whores and of earth's abominations.' And I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and the blood of the witnesses to Jesus.

When I saw her, I was greatly amazed. But the angel said to me, 'Why are you so amazed? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to ascend from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the inhabitants of the earth, whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will be amazed when they see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.'

'This calls for a mind that has wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; also, they are seven kings, of whom five have fallen, one is living, and the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain for only a little while. As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction. And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. These are united in yielding their power and authority to the beast; they will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.'

**Matthew 14.22-36**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

**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.**