

## **Evening Prayer for 20 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.. 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=dW15ZXFKNUJKbnZFWmdXekREMDeYrQT09>**

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

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

## Other Times – Week B, 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

Where can I go from your Spirit?  
**where can I flee from your presence?**

### Opening - from Psalm 139

- 1 I will thank you because I am marvellously made;\*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 2 **My body was not hidden from you,\*  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 3 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!\*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 4 **If I were to count them,  
they would be more in number than the sand;\*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

**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 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,\*  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 **For it is he who founded it upon the seas\*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**
- 3 'Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?\*'   
and who can stand in his holy place?'

- 4** 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,\*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord\*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6** **Such is the generation of those who seek him,\*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;\*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8** 'Who is this King of glory?\*' **'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.'**
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;\*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10** 'Who is he, this King of glory?\*' **'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'**
- 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 Timothy 3**

- 1 Great indeed, we confess,\*  
is the mystery of our religion.
- 2 He was manifested in the flesh\*  
vindicated in the Spirit.**
- 3 Seen by angels,\*  
preached among the nations.
- 4 Believed on in the world;\*  
taken up in glory.**

**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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## Readings

### **Revelation 22.14-21**

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

**Matthew 18.21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

**Silence**

## Response – from Psalm 28.11

Call to mind what wonders he has done!

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His marvellous acts and the judgements of his mouth.

**What wonders he has done!**

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

**Call to mind what wonders he has done!**

*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.**

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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.*

Creator and ruler of all, open our hearts that the King of glory may enter, and bring us rejoicing to your holy mountain, where you live and reign, 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.**