

Evening Prayer for 4 December 2021 - Welcome

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

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 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=dW15ZXFKNUJKbnZFWmdXekREM DYrQT09>

Meeting ID: 989 9183 0332 Password: 021197

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

Anticipation – 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

My eyes are turned to you, Lord God;

In you I take refuge; do not strip me of my life.

(Psalm 141.8)

Opening - from Psalms 140 and 141

- 1 I have said to the Lord, 'You are my God;*
listen, O Lord, to my supplication.'
- 2 **O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;*
hear my voice when I cry to you.**
- 3 I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the poor*
and render justice to the needy.
- 4 **Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your name,*
and the upright shall continue in your sight.**

**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 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,*
for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm*
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,* with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn* shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,* the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,* and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world* and the peoples with equity.**

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 22

- 1 'Behold, I am coming soon* to repay everyone for what he has done.
- 2 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,* the beginning and the end.**
- 3 'I am the root and offspring of David,* the bright morning star.'
- 4 The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come';* let anyone who hears, say, 'Come',**
- 5 Let anyone who is thirsty come;* let anyone who desires take the water of life without price.
- 6 The Lord says, 'Surely I am coming soon'.* Amen; come, Lord Jesus!**
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as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

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Readings

Jude 17-25

But you, beloved, must remember the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; for they said to you, 'In the last time there will be scoffers, indulging their own ungodly lusts.' It is these worldly people, devoid of the Spirit, who are causing divisions. But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on some who are wavering; save others by snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on still others with fear, hating even the tunic defiled by their bodies.

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen.

Matthew 22.15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Silence**Response – from Psalm 28.11**

Save your people and bless your inheritance.

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Shepherd them and carry them for ever.

Bless your inheritance.

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

Save your people and bless your inheritance.

Please unmute your microphone at this point.

Magnificat

Look up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.

**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.**

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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.**

Please unmute your microphone at this point.

Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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.