

Evening Prayer for 11 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=dW15ZXFKNUJKbnZFWmdXekREMdYrQT09>

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

Readings

Revelation 3.1-6

'And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:

'I know your works; you have a name for being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is at the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember then what you received and heard; obey it, and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. Yet you have still a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not blot your name out of the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Matthew 24.1-14

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

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.**

**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.**

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.