

## **Evening Prayer for 18 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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**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.**

**My eyes are turned to you, Lord God;  
In you I take refuge; do not strip me of my life.**

## **Readings**

### **Revelation 12.1-10**

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,  
‘Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.

**John 3.16-21**

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

## **Silence**

### **Response – from Psalm 28.11**

Save your people and bless your inheritance.

**Save your people and bless your inheritance.**

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**

**O Adonai O Prince of the House of Israel,  
Who appeared to Moses in the burning bush,  
and delivered to him the law on Sinai:  
Come, deliver us with outstretched arm.**

**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.**

**O Adonai O Prince of the House of Israel,  
Who appeared to Moses in the burning bush,  
and delivered to him the law on Sinai:  
Come, deliver us with outstretched arm.**

## 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.**