

Evening Prayer for 1 January 2022 - 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.

Feast of the Holy Name – 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

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,
as we have put our trust in you.

Opening - from Psalm 33

- 1 The eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him;*
on those who wait upon his love.
- 2 **To pluck their lives from death,*
and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 3 Our soul waits for the Lord;*
he is our help and our shield.
- 4 **Indeed, our heart rejoices in him*
for in his holy name we put our trust.**

**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 122, 123, 124 and 125

- 1 I was glad when they said to me,*
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
- 2 **Now our feet are standing*
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city*
that is at unity with itself.

**4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,*
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgement,*
the thrones of the house of David.

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:*
'May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls*
and quietness within your towers.

**8 For my brethren and companions' sake,*
I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God,*
I will seek to do you good.'

**1 To you I lift up my eyes,*
to you enthroned in the heavens.**

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,*
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

**3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God,*
until he show us his mercy.**

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,*
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

**5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,*
and of the derision of the proud.**

1 If the Lord had not been on our side,*
let Israel now say;

**2 If the Lord had not been on our side,*
when enemies rose up against us;**

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive*
in their fierce anger toward us;

**4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us*
and the torrent gone over us;**

- 5 Then would the raging waters*
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord!***
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;*
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the name of the Lord,***
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem;***
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the
land allotted to the just,*
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good***
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;*
but peace be upon Israel.

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 Philippians 2

- 1 Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus*
The divine nature was his from the first.
- 2 Yet he did not grasp at equality with God;***
he emptied himself and became like a slave.

3 Taking the nature of man he was revealed in human form;*
he humbled himself and became obedient even to death,
death on a cross.

**4 Therefore God has raised him on high,*
and has given him a name above every other name.**

5 So that in the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.*
in heaven, on earth, and in the depths.

**6 And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord;*
to the glory of God the Father.**

**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.**

**Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,
as we have put our trust in you.**

Readings

Isaiah 62.1-5, 10-12

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;

for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,

so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.
Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.
The Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
'See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.'
They shall be called, 'The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord';
and you shall be called, 'Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.'

Revelation 19.11-16

Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he has a name inscribed that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron; he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, 'King of kings and Lord of lords'.

Silence

Response – from Psalm 89.27

I will make him my first-born.

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Higher than the kings of the earth.

My first-born.

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

I will make him my first-born.

Magnificat

To us is born this day a Saviour,

Christ the Lord.

**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.**

To us is born this day a Saviour,
Christ the Lord.

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, your name resounds with the event of love: as your flesh is marked with a sign of unbroken covenant, may we be blessed by the grace of your body, utterly human, mysteriously divine; through Jesus Christ, the name by which we are saved. **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.