

## **Evening Prayer for 8 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=dW15ZXFKNUJKbnZFWmdXekREM DYrQT09>**

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

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

## Incarnation – 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 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;\*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your name,\*  
because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your name\*  
and your word above all things.

- 4 When I called, you answered me;\***  
**you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,\*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord,\***  
**that great is the glory of the Lord.**
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;\*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;\***  
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;**  
**your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me;\*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.
- 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**

### **Colossians 1.15-23**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

**John 7.37-52**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, 'This is really the prophet.' Others said, 'This is the Messiah.' But some asked, 'Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?' So there was a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, 'Why did you not arrest him?' The police answered, 'Never has anyone spoken like this!' Then the Pharisees replied, 'Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law — they are accursed.' Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, 'Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?' They replied, 'Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.'

**Silence**

## **Response – from Psalm 89.27**

I will make him my first-born.

**I will make him my first-born.**

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.**

*Please unmute your microphone at this point.*

## **Magnificat**

Glory to Christ,  
**who is preached amongst the nations and believed on in the world.**

**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 mute your microphone at this point.*

God of creation and fulfilment, help us to seek and discover your purposes, that we may become willing instruments of your grace, and that all the world may come to love and praise your name, in the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**