

Evening Prayer for 14 May 2022 - Welcome

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

The cathedral experimented with this for a few years starting in December 2011 and these services have been revived during the time that church buildings are shut due to the Corona Virus.

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 is asked to click the mute button in their zoom window for the first part of the service. Please unmute your microphone 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 number of people attending will be recorded in the service book at St Mary's.

The service will begin at 1700 GMT. 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: bit.ly/2S9XUQa

Meeting ID: 989 9183 0332 – Password: 021197

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

Festivals of Apostles and Evangelists

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

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Opening - from Psalm 149

- 1 Let Israel rejoice in his maker;*
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 2 **For the Lord takes pleasure in his people*
and adorns the poor with victory.**
- 3 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;*
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 4 **Let the praises of God be in their throat*
and a two-edged sword in their hand.**

**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 34

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;*
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 **I will glory in the Lord;*
let the humble hear and rejoice.**
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;*
let us exalt his name together.
- 4 **I sought the Lord, and he answered me*
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

- 5 Look upon him and be radiant,*
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me*
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,*
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;*
happy are they who trust in him!**
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,*
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,*
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me;*
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Who among you loves life*
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking*
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good;*
seek peace and pursue it.**
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,*
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,*
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them*
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted*
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous,*
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
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- 20 He will keep safe all his bones;*
not one of them shall be broken.**
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked,*
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,*
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Conclusion – from Revelation 4 and 5

- 1 Glory and honour and power*
are yours by right, O Lord our God;
- 2 For you created all things*
and by your will they have their being.**
- 3 Glory and honour and power*
are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain;
- 4 For by your blood you ransomed us for God,*
from every race and language, from every people and nation.**
- 5 To make us a kingdom of priests*
to stand and serve before our God.
- 6 To God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb*
be praise and honour, glory and might.**

**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.**

**Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

Readings

1 Samuel 12.1-5,

Samuel said to all Israel, 'I have listened to you in all that you have said to me, and have set a king over you. See, it is the king who leads you now; I am old and grey, but my sons are with you. I have led you from my youth until this day. Here I am; testify against me before the Lord and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me and I will restore it to you.' They said, 'You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from the hand of anyone.' He said to them, 'The Lord is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand.' And they said, 'He is witness.'

Acts 20.17-35

From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them:

'You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus. And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace.

'And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Keep watch over

yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

'Silence

Response – from Psalm 147.12

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

We wait in hope for your mercy.

Those who fear you.

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

You delight, Lord, in those who fear you.

Please unmute your microphone at this point.

Magnificat

Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.

**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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shall reap with songs of joy.

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.**

Your microphone will be muted at this point.

Eternal God, who, by the Holy Spirit, chose Matthias to be numbered in the twelve apostles: by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers, keep us steadfast in your truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **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.