

Evening Prayer for 21 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 and led by a member of the clergy of the cathedral.

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 number of people attending will be recorded in the service book at St Mary's.

The service will begin at 1700 BST.

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.

New Life – The Lord – 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

With you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

Opening - from Psalm 39

- 1 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,*
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 2 **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;***
you save both man and beast, O Lord
- 3 How priceless is your love, O God!*
- 4 **They feast upon the abundance of your house;***
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**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 145

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King,*
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- 2 **Every day will I bless you***
and praise your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;*
there is no end to his greatness.

- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another*
and shall declare your power.**
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty*
and all your marvellous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,*
and I will tell of your greatness.**
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;*
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,*
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone*
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord,*
and your faithful servants bless you.**
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom*
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power*
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.**
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;*
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words*
and merciful in all his deeds.**
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall;*
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,*
and you give them their food in due season.**
- 17 You open wide your hand*
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways*
and loving in all his works.**
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19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him,*
to all who call upon him faithfully.

**20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him,*
he hears their cry and helps them.**

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him,*
but he destroys all the wicked.

**22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;*
let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and 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.**

Conclusion – from Colossians 1

1 Give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;*
he has delivered us from the dominion of darkness.

**2 He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,*
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.**

3 He is the image of the invisible God,*
the first-born of all creation.

**4 For in him all things were created,*
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.**

5 He is the head of the body, the church;*
he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead.

**6 In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*
to reconcile all things to himself,
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

**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.**

**With you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.**

Readings

2 Thessalonians 3.1-18

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you, and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will go on doing the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. Take note of those who do not obey what we say in this letter; have nothing to do with them, so that they may be ashamed. Do not regard them as enemies, but warn them as believers.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the mark in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

Matthew – 7.13-21

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. ☞Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep' s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits. ☞Not everyone who says to me, ☞Lord, Lord☞, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

Silence

Response – from Psalm 30.1

I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up; alleluia, alleluia.

I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up; alleluia, alleluia.

You have not let my enemies triumph over me.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up; alleluia, alleluia.

Please unmute your microphone at this point.

Your microphone will be unmuted at this point.

Magnificat

**I am the way,
the truth; and the life says the Lord. Alleluia!**

**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.**

**I am the way,
the truth; and the life says the Lord. Alleluia!**

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.**

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Almighty God, give us grace to know you more and more, that knowing we may love and loving we may praise, that the whole world may hear your name and worship you, through 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.