

Evening Prayer for 4 April 2020 - 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 the Provost, the Very Rev Kelvin Holdsworth.

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:

<https://zoom.us/j/706747441>

Meeting ID: 706 747 441

The Suffering Christ – 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

Lord hear my prayer;
answer me in your righteousness.

Opening - from Psalm 143

- 1 I spread out my hands to you;*
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.
- 2 **O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;*
do not hide your face from me
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.**
- 3 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord,*
for I flee to you for refuge.
- 4 **Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;*
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

Psalm 142

- 1 I cry to the Lord with my voice;*
to the Lord I make loud supplication.
- 2 **I pour out my complaint before him*
and tell him all my trouble.**
- 3 When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path;*
in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.
- 4 **I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me;*
I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.**

- 5 I cry out to you, O Lord;*
I say, 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.'
- 6 **Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low;*
save me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.**
- 7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name;*
when you have dealt bountifully with me,
the righteous will gather around me.

Conclusion – from 1 Peter 2

- 1 Christ our Lord suffered for us, leaving us an example,*
that we should follow in his steps.
- 2 **He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips;*
when he was reviled he did not revile in return.**
- 3 When he suffered he did not threaten,*
but trusted in God who judges justly.
- 4 **He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,*
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**
- 5 By his wounds we have been healed,*
for we were straying like sheep,
- 6 **But now we have returned*
to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.**
- Lord hear my prayer;
answer me in your righteousness.**

Readings

2 Corinthians 4.13-18

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Mark 10.46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Jesus stood still and said, ‘Call him here.’ And they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take heart; get up, he is calling you.’ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said to him, ‘My teacher, let me see again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Silence

Response – from Psalm 28.11

I have said to the Lord, You are my God.
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Listen, O Lord to my supplication.
You are my God.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
I have said to the Lord, You are my God.

Your microphone will be unmuted at this point.

Magnificat

Jesus died
so that we might live for God.

**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.**

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Prayers

Anyone can offer a short 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.

God our consoler and redeemer, save your people coerced and made captive by the powers of evil, and bring us into the way of freedom and liberty prepared by the sacrifice of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.