

Evening Prayer - Welcome

Welcome to Evening Prayer from St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow which will be shared in cyberspace in a Google+ Hangout.

This is the fourth service that has been held in this way and we are still experimenting with it. One limitation is the number of people who can join in, which is currently limited to 10 people. It is believed that Google will soon enable people subsequent to the first 10 in the system to watch but not participate. It may be that if more than 10 people want to join in we need to split into two groups.

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 Google Hangout 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 hangout will be open to those who joined in last week from 1645 GMT. It will open to anyone else from 1650.

If you want to test the system, look out for Kelvin Holdsworth hanging out in Google+ during the afternoon.

Unless you are one of the two leaders, please mute your microphone.

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

Isaiah 65.15b-25

You shall leave your name to my chosen to use as a curse,
and the Lord God will put you to death;
but to his servants he will give a different name.
Then whoever invokes a blessing in the land
shall bless by the God of faithfulness,
and whoever takes an oath in the land
shall swear by the God of faithfulness;
because the former troubles are forgotten
and are hidden from my sight.
For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered

or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Revelation 21.1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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.

Please unmute your microphone at this point.

Antiphon

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

Magnificat

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.

Antiphon

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.**

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.