

## 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 second 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.*

*As an experiment, 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.*

## Anticipation – Saturday

*Please mute your microphone unless you are the responder or leader.*

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

My eyes are turned to you, Lord God;

**In you I take refuge; do not strip me of my life.**

**(Psalm 141.8)**

## Opening - from Psalms 140 and 141

1 I have said to the Lord, 'You are my God;\*  
listen, O Lord, to my supplication.'

2 **O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;\*  
hear my voice when I cry to you.**

3 I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the poor\*  
and render justice to the needy.

4 **Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your name,\*  
and the upright shall continue in your sight.**

**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 98

1 Sing to the Lord a new song,\*  
for he has done marvellous things.

2 **With his right hand and his holy arm\*  
has he won for himself the victory.**

3 The Lord has made known his victory;\*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,\*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;\*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,\*  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn\*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,\*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands,\*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world\*  
and the peoples with equity.**

**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 Revelation 22**

1 'Behold, I am coming soon\*  
to repay everyone for what he has done.

**2 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,\*  
the beginning and the end.**

3 'I am the root and offspring of David,\*  
the bright morning star.'

**4 The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come';\*  
let anyone who hears, say, 'Come',**

5 Let anyone who is thirsty come;\*  
let anyone who desires take the water of life without price.

**6 The Lord says, 'Surely I am coming soon'.\*  
Amen; come, Lord Jesus!**

**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.**

**My eyes are turned to you, Lord God;  
In you I take refuge; do not strip me of my life.**

## **Readings**

*To be read by members of the community.*

*Reader 1 – please unmute your microphone before speaking and then mute it again at the end of the reading.*

### **Revelation 6.1-17**

Then I saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, ‘Come!’ I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering and to conquer.

When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, ‘Come!’ And out came another horse, bright red; its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people would slaughter one another; and he was given a great sword.

When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, ‘Come!’ I looked, and there was a black horse! Its rider held a pair of scales in his hand, and I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a day’s pay, and three quarts of barley for a day’s pay, but do not damage the olive oil and the wine!’

When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature call out, ‘Come!’ I looked and there was a pale green horse! Its rider’s name was Death, and Hades followed with him; they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, and pestilence, and by the wild animals of the earth.

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered for the word of God and for the testimony they had given; they cried out with a loud voice, ‘Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long will it be before you judge and avenge our blood on the inhabitants of

the earth?' They were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number would be complete both of their fellow-servants and of their brothers and sisters, who were soon to be killed as they themselves had been killed.

When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and there came a great earthquake; the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree drops its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll rolling itself up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth and the magnates and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?'

*Reader 2 – please unmute your microphone before speaking and then mute it again at the end of the reading.*

### **Matthew 25.31-46**

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared

for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

## Silence

### Response – from Psalm 28.11

Save your people and bless your inheritance.

**Save your people and bless your inheritance.**

Shepherd them and carry them for ever.

**Bless your inheritance.**

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

**Save your people and bless your inheritance.**

*Please unmute your microphone at this point*

## Magnificat

O Wisdom coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, and stretching from end to end of creation, setting all things in order with strong and gentle hand: **Come and teach us the path of true judgement.**

**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.**

O Wisdom coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, and stretching from end to end of creation, setting all things in order with strong and gentle hand: **Come and teach us the path of true judgement.**

## Prayers

*Anyone is free to offer a prayer at this point in the service.*

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.**

Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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.**