

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 fifth 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. The google+ page you are looking for is:

<https://plus.google.com/u/1/b/107606003325741850302/>

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.

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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.**

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

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Readings

Colossians 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among

yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

John 6.30-33, 48-51

So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

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

Glory to Christ,
who is preached among the nations and believed on in the word.

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.

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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.**

Shepherd of Israel and Light of the Nations, made known in the gifts of those who call to other names and walk on different ways: may unjust powers and the hatred within us be dismayed by your friendship and dethroned by your love; through Jesus Christ, the open arms of grace.

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.