



**St Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Dunblane**  
**Evening Prayer**  
**Commemoration of**  
**Lilias Graham**  
**13<sup>th</sup> August, 2023**



O God, make speed to save us;  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to God, Source of all being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Welcome and Introduction**

**PSALMODY**

**Sung Antiphon**

As the eyes of a servant watch the hands of her mistress,  
so our eyes look for favour from you, O God.

As the eyes of a servant watch the hands of her mistress,  
so our eyes look for favour from God. *(Psalm 123, paraphrase John Bell)*

**Psalm 139, verses 1-12, 23-24**

**You search me, God,  
and you know me;**

A You know my resting and my rising;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

B You are familiar with all my ways –  
where I go, what I do –  
and you know every word before I say it.

- A Your presence is all around me;  
you lay your hand upon me.
- B Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is beyond my understanding.

**You search me, God,  
and you know me;**

- A Is there anywhere I could I go  
where you were not there before me?
- B If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I bed down in hell, there I meet you.
- A If I took the wings of the morning  
and lived beyond the horizon,  
even there your hand would find me,  
your right hand would hold me fast.
- B If I asked the darkness to cover me  
and the daylight turned to night,  
the darkness would not be dark to you;  
night would be bright as day.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.  
Prevent me from doing what offends you,  
and lead me in the everlasting way.**

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## **Sung Antiphon - see above**

### **READINGS**

#### **Micah 6.6-8 What God Requires**

'With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

#### **Luke 4.14-21 Bringing good news to the poor**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

## **Silence**

### **Response (Psalm 119.89)**

Lord, your word is everlasting.

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It stands firm in the heavens.

**Your word is everlasting.**

Glory to God, Source of all being,

Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,

**Lord, your word is everlasting.**

## **Homily**

### **Hymn** (tune O Waly Waly)

For all the saints who've shown your love  
in how they live and where they move,  
for mindful women, caring men,  
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,  
whose faith increased the Savior's fame,  
who sang your songs and share your word,  
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,  
and showed the kingdom coming still  
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,  
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love  
reflects the grace of heaven above.

Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,  
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

*John L. Bell and Graham Maule*

## MAGNIFICAT

### Magnificat Antiphon

Abide with us, Lord, **for it is towards evening, and the day is far spent.**

A My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;

B *for you, Lord, have looked with favour on your lowly servant;  
from this day all generations will call me blessed.*

A You, the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is your name.

B *You have mercy on those who fear you  
in every generation.*

A You have shown the strength of your arm;  
you have scattered the proud in their conceit.

B *You have cast down the mighty from their thrones  
and have lifted up the lowly.*

A You have filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich you have sent away empty.

B *You have come to the help of your servant Israel,  
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,*

A the promise you made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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## PRAYERS

Loving God  
we thank you for Liliias,  
and others who loved  
and who listened,  
and who got stuff done.

Open our lives  
**to listen to you  
and to your creation.**

Open our eyes  
**to see you in strangers  
and in friends.**

Open our ears  
**to hear the stories of those  
around us  
and of those in the news.**

Open our minds  
**to discover and understand  
the complex causes of poverty.**

Open our mouths  
**to challenge injustice  
and to speak truth to power.**

Open our hands  
**to gladly receive  
what is offered to 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.**

Open our homes and purses  
**to share our resources  
with those who are in need.**

Open our hearts  
**to share laughter and tears.**

Loving God,  
call us and lead us  
**to where you want us  
to be your Good News**

Help us to seek support  
**to learn new skills  
and to network with others.**

Give us the insight  
**to recognise when we are  
wrong  
and to say we are sorry.**

Give us the courage to take risks  
**and if we fail, pick us up  
to begin again and again.**

Loving God  
**help us to become your people,  
who love and who listen,  
and who get stuff done. Amen.**

**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.**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, may we, by your grace, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, run with perseverance the race you set before us, until at last, through your mercy, we come with Lilies to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### **Hymn**

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;

thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

*John Ellerton*

## **Blessing**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

God give you grace to follow Lilies in the way of Christ, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **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.**

The Service is based on Scottish Episcopal Church Daily Prayer

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