

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 10 : 17 – 19

PSALM 148

- 1 Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD from heaven, you that live in the heights above.
- 2 **Praise him, all his angels, all his heavenly armies.**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, shining stars.
- 4 **Praise him, highest heavens, and the waters above the sky.**
- 5 Let them all praise the name of the LORD!  
He commanded, and they were created.
- 6 **by his command they were fixed in their places for ever,  
and they cannot disobey.**
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, sea monsters and all ocean depths;
- 8 **lightning and hail, snow and clouds, strong winds that obey his command.**
- 9 Praise him, hills and mountains, fruit trees and forests;
- 10 **all animals, tame and wild, reptiles and birds.**
- 11 Praise him, kings and all peoples, princes and all other rulers;
- 12 **young women and young men, old people and children too.**
- 13 Let them all praise the name of the LORD!  
His name is greater than all others;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.
- 14 **He made his nation strong, so that all his people praise him —  
the people of Israel, so dear to him.  
Praise the LORD!**

SECOND READING – Acts 11 : 1 – 18

ANTHEM

Ubi caritas – Ola Gjeilo (b.1978)

GOSPEL READING – John 13 : 31 - 35

*after the reading:*

For the Word of God in Scripture;  
for the Word of God among us;  
for the Word of God within us:  
**thanks be to God.**

HYMN 742 – Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!

SERMON

MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried:  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF OFFERING

*(you are invited to remain standing)*

**Grateful for your generous providing, O Lord,  
we present these our offerings.  
With these gifts we renew our vocation:  
to speak and to act so God's gospel is known,  
to live and to work so God's justice is done,  
to love and to serve so God's world is blessed.  
By your Spirit strengthen us in our calling, we pray.  
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*Minister:* Lord, in your love:  
*All:* **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

## INTIMATIONS

HYMN 18 – The earth belongs to God alone

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN (CH4 823)

## RECESSIONAL

Prelude to the Te Deum – Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1634-1704)

*You are invited to stay for coffee/tea which will be served in the side aisle after the service.*

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## FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE CATHEDRAL

6.00 pm this evening – Evening Service with Holy Communion led by the Rev Sarah Brown

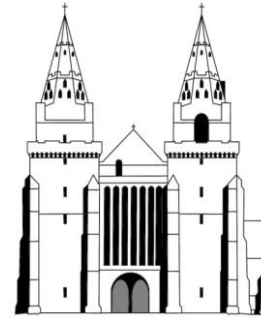
12.00 on Friday – Midday Prayers

11.00 am and 6.00 pm next Sunday – services led by the Rev Sarah Brown

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## ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 11.00 am

Conducted by Benedict Nwokedi and  
Reverend Sarah Brown

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Pastorale – Charles Wesley (1757-1834)

Prelude on Caithness – Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

### INTROIT

This is the day the Lord has made – Melchior Franck (c.1579-1639)

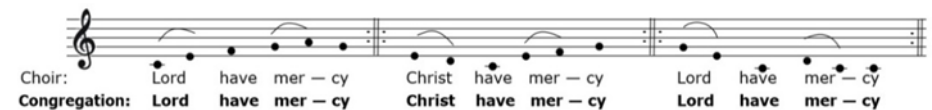
### BIDDING PRAYER

### WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 378 – Praise to the Holiest in the height

### PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*During which we sing:*



BAPTISM – Tommy George Gavin Duncan

HYMN 251 – I, the Lord of sea and sky