

FIRST READING – 1 Samuel 16 : 1 - 13

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**
- 3 he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.
- 4 **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**
- 5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.
- 6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.**

EPISTLE READING – Ephesians 5 : 8 - 14

ANTHEM

Song of Mary – Richard Shepherd (1949-2021)

GOSPEL READING – John 9 : 1 - 41

*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 348 - Praise the One who breaks the darkness

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 177 - O God of blessings (*omit v2*)

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN (CH4 820)

RECESSIONAL

Prelude and Fugue in A minor BWV 559 – J S Bach (1685-1750)

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

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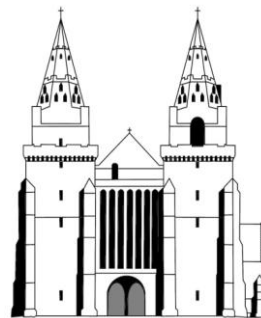
FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE CATHEDRAL

6.00 pm today – Evening Service with Holy Communion – Rev Sarah Brown

12.00 on Friday – Midday Prayers

11.00 am and 6.00 pm next Sunday – Morning Worship and Evening Service -  
Rev Sarah Brown

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ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL  
OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 11.00

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mothering Sunday

Conducted by Reverend Sarah Brown

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Two versets on 'Bunessan' – Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

INTROIT

O nata lux – Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 114 - O threefold God of tender unity - *tune: Ellers 221*

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*During which we sing:*

Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy. Christ have mer-cy,  
Christ have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy.

*music: James MacMillan; ©1997 Boosey & Hawkes (CH4 648)*

ALL AGES TALK

HYMN - Our loving God in heaven - *tune: Aurelia – 739*  
*see separate sheet*

