

PSALM 118 : 1 - 2, 19 - 29

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever!

2 **Let Israel say,  
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'**

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

20 **This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

21 I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

22 **The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

23 This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 **This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

26 **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

27 The Lord is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

28 **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.**

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 21 : 1 – 11

*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.**

ANTHEM

Ingrediente Domino – George Malcolm (1917-1998)

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.**

HYMN 83 - I rejoiced when I heard them say

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*We have an open table for communion — all who love the Lord and would like to love him more are welcome to receive communion. Our bread is gluten free and there are options of alcoholic and non-alcoholic communion wine. The common cup contains alcohol. If you require communion to be brought to your seat, please let a duty elder know.*

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*We all sing:*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

James MacMillan (*St Anne's Mass*) CH4 651

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,  
**grant us peace.**

COMMUNION MOTET

Adoremus in aeternam – Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

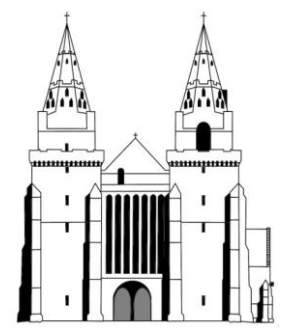
INTIMATIONS

HYMN 370 - Ride on! Ride on! The time is right

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN

RECESSIONAL

Postlude in D minor - Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)



ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL  
OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 11.00 am  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Palm Sunday

Conducted by Reverends Sarah Brown and Michael Mair

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

March in D - G F Handel (1685-1759)  
Entree Solennelle - Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

INTROIT

Hosanna to the Son of David – Arthur Hutchings (1906-89)

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 364 - All glory, laud and honour

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.

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ALL AGES TALK

HYMN 367 - Hosanna, loud, hosanna