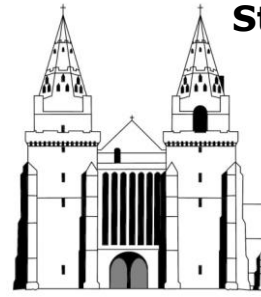


# St Machar's Cathedral, Old Aberdeen

**6.00pm  
Evening Worship**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Conducted by Reverend Sarah Brown**



**ALL: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.**

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

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**ALL: Have mercy on us**

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**ALL: Grant us your peace**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

**Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you**

**ALL: And also with you**

**Hymn 453** – Christ of God unseen image

## **Closing Responses**

Leader: On our hearts and our houses

**All: The blessing of God**

Leader: In our coming and going

**All: The peace of God**

Leader: In our life and believing

**All: The love of God**

Leader: At our end and new beginning

**All: The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home. Amen**

The Lighting of the candle

Opening responses

Leader: The world belongs to God

**ALL: The earth and all its people.**

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful

**ALL: To live together in unity**

Leader: Love and faith come together

**ALL: Justice and peace join hands**

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent

**ALL: These stones would shout aloud**

Leader: Open our lips, O God

**ALL: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise**

**Hymn 609** – Come living God

Prayer

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all

**ALL: Have mercy on us**

Leader: Jesus Christ, servant of the poor

**ALL: Have mercy on us**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life

**ALL: Have mercy on us**

Leader: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty

Silence

Leader: Before God, with the people of God  
I confess to my brokenness:  
to the ways I wound my life  
The lives of others  
And the life of the world

**ALL: May God forgive you, Christ renew you  
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Leader: Amen

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**ALL: Amen**

Leader: Move among us, O God, give us life

**ALL: Let your people rejoice in you**

Leader: Make our hearts clean within us

**ALL: Renew us in mind and in spirit.**

Leader: Give us again the joy of your help

**ALL: With your Spirit of freedom sustain us.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn 597 – Loving Spirit**

Reading Romans 4 : 1 - 25

Reflection

Affirmation

Leader: With the whole church

**ALL: We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit**

Leader: With people everywhere

**ALL: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity  
Planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

Leader: With all creation

**ALL: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;  
The unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and  
the world.**

Space for Healing

Together we invoke the Spirit of healing: **Come now, Holy Spirit, and send us  
from heaven the gift that you have promised in Jesus, that in body, spirit  
and mind we may be healed of all that harms us and find wholeness and  
life in your name.**

**Amen**

(During this time, the music will play. You are invited to rest and reflect in your  
seat or to light a candle.)

**Hymn 663 - Bread of Life**

Communion

Leader: Let us pray:

**ALL: Loving God, through your goodness  
We have this bread and wine to offer  
Which earth has given and human hands have made.  
May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread  
So that we may know your touch  
In all bread, all matter.**

**We celebrate that Jesus has shared around his community through the  
centuries and shares with us now.  
Made one in Christ and one with each other  
We offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single holy living sacrifice.  
Amen**

Leader: The Lord be with you

**ALL: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

**ALL: We lift them up to God**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God

**ALL: It is right to give both thanks and praise**