

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Acts 2 : 42 - 47

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 – 1 Peter 2 : 19 - 25

ANTHEM

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep – Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

GOSPEL READING – John 10 : 1 - 10

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.

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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN 655 - For your generous providing

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

O sacrum convivium – Giovanni Croce (1557-1607)

SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

INTIMATIONS

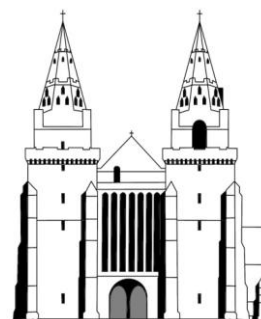
HYMN 167 - Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN

RECESSIONAL

Allegro maestoso e vivace

from Sonata No 2 in C – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship

Sunday 26th April 2026 at 11.00 am
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Conducted by Reverend Sarah Brown
and Reverend Michael Mair

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

March in B flat major – G F Handel (1685-1759)

Communion – Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

INTROIT

Christ the Lord is risen again! – Anthony Foster (b.1926)

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 608 - Spirit of truth and grace

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

During which we sing:

Choir: Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy
Congregation: Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy

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ALL AGES TALK

HYMN 362 - Heaven shall not wait