

FIRST READING – Acts 10 : 34 - 43

PSALM 118 : 1 – 2, 14 - 24

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

2 **Let Israel say,**  
**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

14 The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

15 **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**  
**“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**  
16 **the right hand of the Lord is exalted;**  
**the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”**

17 **I shall not die, but I shall live**  
**and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

18 The Lord has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.

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.

EPISTLE READING – Colossians 3 : 1 – 4

GOSPEL ALLELUIA – Christ is risen – James Chepponis (b.1956)

GOSPEL READING – John 20 : 1 - 18

*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

Maria Magdalene – Andrea Gabrieli (1532/33-86)

SERMON

MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

*We welcome Dorothy Sim and Caitlin Mcleod into full membership of the church.*

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 420 – Earth, earth, awake

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 ANTHEM

Easter – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## SHARING THE PEACE

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

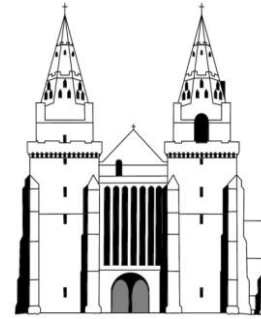
HYMN 419 – Thine be the glory

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN - (CH4 820)

## RECESSIONAL

Paraphrase sur un Chœur de Judas Maccabée de Händel

- Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)



# ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship - Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Easter Sunday

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 11.00 am

Conducted by the Reverend Sarah Brown and  
Reverend Michael Mair

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*La Réjouissance (from Music for the Royal Fireworks)*

- George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

*Psalm XIX (The heavens declare the glory of God)*

- Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739), arr. Kelly Dobbs Mickus

### INTROIT

This is the day – S Wallace

### OPENING RESPONSE

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 410 – Jesus Christ is risen today

### 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

### BAPTISM OF JOEY GEORGE MEDER

HYMN 404 – Lord of the Dance

## GOSPEL ALLELUIA

*Acclamation sung first by choir, thereafter by all*



*choir:* I know that my Redeemer lives!  
He lives triumphant from the grave!  
He lives!

*all:* Christ is risen...

## GOSPEL ALLELUIA

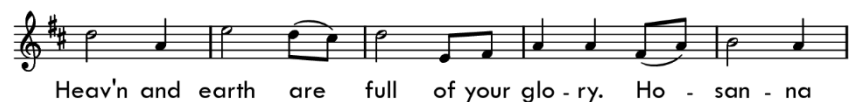
*Acclamation sung first by choir, thereafter by all*



*choir:* I know that my Redeemer lives!  
He lives triumphant from the grave!  
He lives!

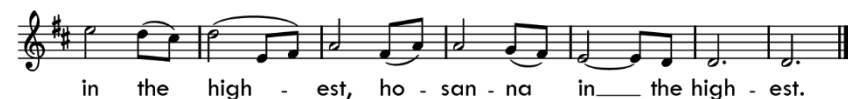
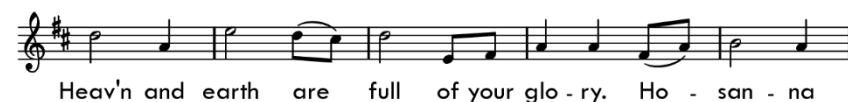
*all:* Christ is risen...

## HOLY HOLY HOLY



music: James MacMillan; ©1997 Boosey & Hawkes (CH4 651)

## HOLY HOLY HOLY



music: James MacMillan; ©1997 Boosey & Hawkes (CH4 651)

