

FIRST READING – Acts 7 : 55 - 60

PSALM 31 : 1 - 5, 15,16

- 1 In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
- 2 **Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.**
- 3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
- 4 **take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**
- 5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
- 15 **My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**
- 16 Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Peter 2 : 2 - 10

ANTHEM

Up, up! my heart with gladness – J S Bach (1685-1750)

GOSPEL READING – John 14 : 1 - 14

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 579 – Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

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 739 – The Church's one foundation

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN (CH4 820)

RECESSIONAL

March in G – Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

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

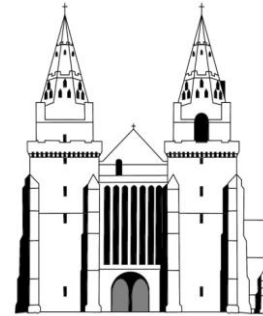
6.00 pm today – Evening Service with Holy Communion – Rev Michael Mair

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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If you are able to contribute to our offering today, you can do so in these ways: the large plate at the door as you arrive or leave; on the card machines near the door; with a standing order from your bank to ours. If you are a tax payer, we would be glad for you to sign a gift aid declaration which gives us an additional 25% on your givings at no extra cost to you. There is no pressure to give, only an invitation to be part of the work, worship and mission of our church as you are able. We are grateful for all you bring to the community and life of this special place.



ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship

Sunday 3rd May 2026 at 11.00
Conducted by Reverend Michael Mair

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Pastorale – Charles Wesley (1757-1834)

Prelude on *Caithness* – Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

INTROIT

This is the day the Lord has made – Melchior Franck (c.1579-1639)

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 198 – Let us build a house where love can dwell

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

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

ALL AGES TALK

HYMN 175 – Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart