

FIRST READING – Acts 17 : 22 - 31

PSALM 66 : 8 - 20

8 Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard,
9 **who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.**
10 For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
11 **You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;**
12 you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
13 **I will come into your house with burnt-offerings;
I will pay you my vows,**
14 those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
15 **I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**
16 Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
17 **I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.**
18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
19 **But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**
20 Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Peter 3 : 13 - 22

ANTHEM

Listen, sweet Dove – Grayston Ives (b.1948)

GOSPEL READING – John 14 : 15 - 21

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 115 – Love is the touch of intangible joy

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 247 – Moved by the Gospel, let us move

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN (CH4 820)

RECESSIONAL

Toccata from *Plymouth Suite* - Percy Whitlock (1903-46)

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

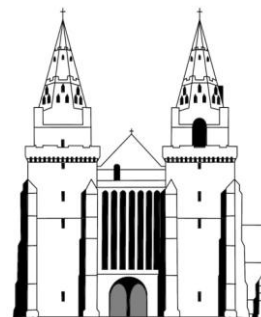
6.00 pm today – Evening Service with Holy Communion – Rev Sarah Brown

12.00 on Friday – Midday Prayers

11.00 am and 6.00 pm next Sunday – Morning Worship and Evening Service -
Rev Mark Rodgers

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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 10th May 2026 at 11.00
Conducted by Reverend Sarah Brown
and Reverend Michael Mair

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Meditation in E major - César Franck (1822-1890)

INTROIT

If ye love me – Thomas Tallis (c.1505-85)

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - 112 God, whose almighty word

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

ALL AGES TALK

HYMN 286 – Tell out my soul