

FIRST READING – Acts 1 : 6 - 14

PSALM 68 : 1 – 10, 33 - 35

1 Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 **As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**

3 But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—
his name is the LORD— be exultant before him.**

5 Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

6 **God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

7 O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
8 **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

9 Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;

10 **your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

33 O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

34 **Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.**

35 Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!

EPISTLE READING – 1 Peter 4 : 12 – 14, 5 : 6 - 11

ANTHEM

Lift up your heads, O ye gates – John Amner (1579-1641)

GOSPEL READING – John 17 : 1 - 11

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 441 – Blessing and honour and glory and power

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 445 – Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN (CH4 820)

RECESSIONAL

Heut' triumphet Gottes Sohn (BWV 630) – J S Bach (1685-1750)

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

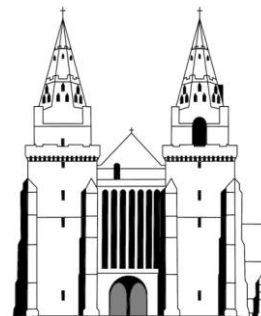
6.00 pm today – Evening Service with Holy Communion – Rev Mark Rodgers

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 17th May 2026 at 11.00
Conducted by Reverend Mark Rodgers

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Trumpet Voluntary – John Bennett (1735-1784)

INTROIT

God is gone up – Arthur Hutchings (1906-1989)

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 436 – Christ triumphant, ever reigning

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 439 – Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious