

FIRST READING - Genesis 1 : 1 – 2 : 4a

PSALM 8

- 1 **O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.**
- 2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 **When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;**  
4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?
- 5 **Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.**
- 6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
7 **all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,**  
8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- 9 **O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

EPISTLE READING – 2 Corinthians 13 : 11 - 13

ANTHEM

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord - music by John P Kitchen (b 1950)  
words by Gordon Graham

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 28 : 16 - 20

*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 172 - Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation

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

Ave verum corpus – Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

## SHARING THE PEACE

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

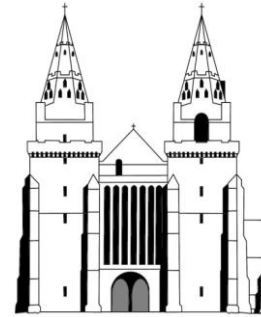
## INTIMATIONS

HYMN 465 – Be thou my Vision

## BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN

## RECESSIONAL

Choral Song – S S Wesley (1810-1876)



# ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 11.00 am  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Conducted by Reverend Michael Mair

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (*Look upon us blessed Lord*) –

BWV 731: J S Bach (1685-1750)

Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr' (*All glory be to God on high*) –

J G Walther (1684-1748)

### INTROIT

Holy, Holy, Holy – Franz Schubert

### BIDDING PRAYER

### WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 111 – Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

### 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 682 – Go in grace and make disciples