PSALM 107:1-7, 33-37

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
2 **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,**
those he redeemed from trouble
3 and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
4 **Some wandered in desert wastes,**
finding no way to an inhabited town;
5 hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
6 **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,**
and he delivered them from their distress;
7 he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.
33 **He turns rivers into a desert,**
springs of water into thirsty ground,
34 a fruitful land into a salty waste,
because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.
35 **He turns a desert into pools of water,**
a parched land into springs of water.
36 And there he lets the hungry live,
and they establish a town to live in;
37 **they sow fields and plant vineyards**
and get a fruitful yield.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

ANTHEM

O *thou, whose all redeeming might* - arr. David Blackwell (b.1961)

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 23: 1-12

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 159 – Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided

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.

The choir then sings:
Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Minister: Lord, in your love:
All: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name:
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

INTIMATIONS

HYMN 459 – Crown him with many crowns

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN (CH4 820)

RECESSIONAL

Trumpet Tune in D major - David N Johnson (1922-1987)

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You are invited to stay for coffee and tea served in the side aisle after the service!

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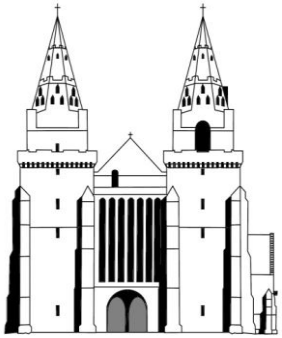

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OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship

Sunday 1st November 2026 at 11.00 am
Conducted by Rev Sarah Brown
and Rev Michael Mair

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

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

INTROIT

Blessed are the pure in heart - Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

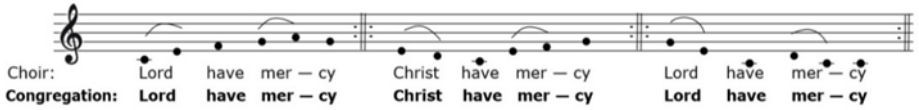
BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 127 – O worship the King, all glorious above

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

During which we sing:



ALL AGES TALK

HYMN 519 – Love divine, all loves excelling

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Joshua 3: 7-17