PSALM 106: 1-6, 19-23

1 Praise the Lord!
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
2 **Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord**
or declare all his praise?
3 Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.
4 **Remember us, O Lord, when you show favour to your people;**
help us when you deliver them,
5 that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that we may glory in your heritage.
6 **Both we and our ancestors have sinned;**
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.
19 They made a calf at Horeb
and worshipped a cast image.
20 **They exchanged the glory of God**
for the image of an ox that eats grass.
21 They forgot God, their Saviour,
who had done great things in Egypt,
22 **wondrous works in the land of Ham,**
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.
23 Therefore he said he would destroy them—
had not Moses, his chosen one,
stood in the breach before him,
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

EPISTLE READING – Philippians 4: 1-9

ANTHEM

For the beauty of the earth - John Rutter (b.1945)

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 22: 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 230 – Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field

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

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 231 – For the fruits of all creation

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN (CH4 820)

RECESSIONAL

Nun danket alle Gott - Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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

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 taxpayer, we would be glad for you to sign a gift aid declaration which gives us an additional 25% on your offering 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.

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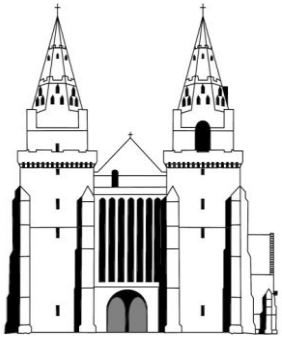


ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL
OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship

Sunday 11th October 2026 at 11.00 am
Conducted by Rev Sarah Brown
and Rev Michael Mair

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on 'Nun danket alle Gotte' - Georg F Kauffmann (1679-1735)
Two versets on 'Bunessan' - Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

INTROIT

Oculi omnium - Charles Wood (1866-1926)

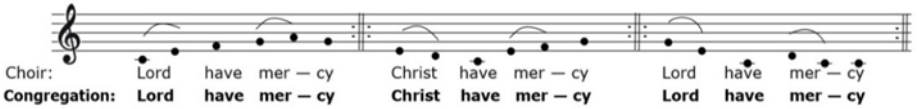
BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 233 – Come, you thankful people, come

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

During which we sing:



ALL AGES TALK

HYMN 229 – We plough the fields and scatter

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 32: 1-14