PSALM 99

1 The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
2 **The Lord is great in Zion;**
he is exalted over all the peoples.
3 Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
4 **Mighty King, lover of justice,**
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
5 Extol the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
6 **Moses and Aaron were among his priests,**
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees
and the statutes that he gave them.
8 **O Lord our God, you answered them;**
you were a forgiving God to them
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
9 Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

ANTHEM

Turn thee again, O Lord - Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 22: 15-22

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 726 – When we are living, we are in the Lord

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 237 – Look forward in faith

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN (CH4 820)

RECESSIONAL

Prelude and Fugue in C (BWV 553) - J S Bach (1685-1750)

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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; or online using the QR code below. 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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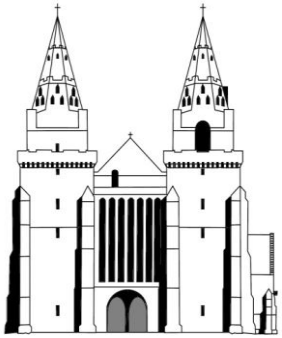

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OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship

Sunday 18th October 2026 at 11.00 am
Conducted by Rev Sarah Brown

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

March in G - G F Handel (1685-1759)
Soliloquy - Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

INTROIT

I will thank thee - Daniel Purcell (c.1660-1717)

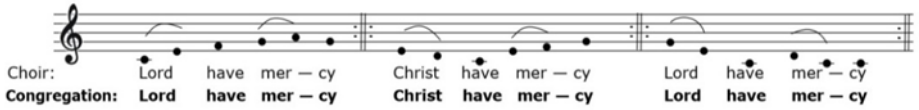
BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 160 – Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

During which we sing:



ALL AGES TALK

HYMN 70 – Give praise and thanks unto the Lord

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 33: 12-33