4 **For a thousand years in your sight**
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
6 **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;**
in the evening it fades and withers.
13 Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
14 **Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,**
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us
and as many years as we have seen evil.
16 **Let your work be manifest to your servants**
and your glorious power to their children.
17 Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

EPISTLE READING – 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

ANTHEM

I give you a new commandment – Peter Ason (b.1938-2013)

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 22: 34-46

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.

SERMON

MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

Chanel Aupiais, Kylle Aupiais, Lauren Blackadder, and Ziedonis Kruzbergs

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.

HYMN 612 – Come to us, creative Spirit

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 need 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

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.

ANGUS DEI

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 ANTHEM

The Call – Gail Randall (b.1975)

SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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

INTIMATIONS

HYMN 419 – Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

BENEDICTION AND SUNG AMEN (CH4 820)

RECESSIONAL

Fantasia in C – J S Bach (1685-1750) BWV 570

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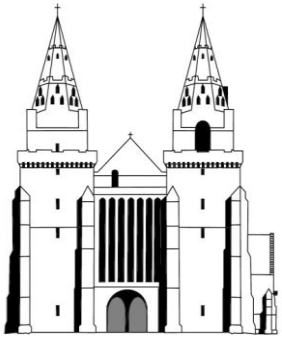

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OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday 25th October 2026 at 11.00 am
Conducted by Rev Sarah Brown
and Rev Michael Mair

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' – R Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

INTROIT

Laudate nomen Domine – Christopher Tye (c.1505-1572)

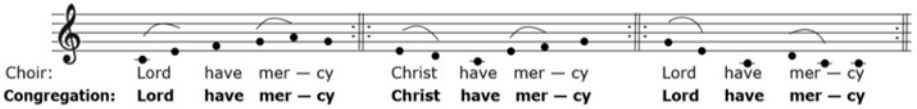
BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 623 – Here in this place new light is streaming

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

During which we sing:



BAPTISM – Kylle Aupiais, Lauren Blackadder, and Ziedonis Kruzbergs

During which we sing:
Hymn 796 – The Lord bless you and keep you

HYMN 533 – Will you come and follow me

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

PSALM 90: 1-6, 13-17

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth**
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."