ALL: Holy, holy, God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

ALL: Have mercy on us

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ALL: Grant us your peace

Sharing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you

ALL: And also with you

Hymn 268 O God of Bethel

Closing Responses

Leader: On our hearts and our houses

All: The blessing of God

Leader: In our coming and going

All: The peace of God

Leader: In our life and believing

All: The love of God

Leader: At our end and new beginning

All: The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home. Amen

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St Machar's Cathedral, Old Aberdeen

6.00pm Evening Worship

Sunday 24th November 2024

Conducted by Rev Mark Rodgers

The Lighting of the candle

Opening responses

Leader: The world belongs to God ALL: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful **ALL:** To live together in unity

Leader: Love and faith come together ALL: Justice and peace join hands

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent

ALL: These stones would shout aloud

Leader: Open our lips, O God

ALL: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise

Hymn 167 Guide me o Thou great Jehovah

Prayer

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all **ALL: Have mercy on us**

Leader: Jesus Christ, servant of the poor

ALL: Have mercy on us

Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life **ALL: Have mercy on us**

Leader: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty

Silence

Leader: Before God, with the people of God

I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life

The lives of others And the life of the world

ALL: May God forgive you, Christ renew you and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Leader: Amen

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and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

ALL: Amen

Leader: Move among us, O God, give us life

ALL: Let your people rejoice in you

Leader: Make our hearts clean within us ALL: Renew us in mind and in spirit.

Leader: Give us again the joy of your help

ALL: With your Spirit of freedom sustain us.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus Christ, our living Lord Hymn 524

Reading Matthew 6:5-15

Reflection

Affirmation

Leader: With the whole church

ALL: We affirm that we are made in God's image, Befriended by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit

Leader: With people everywhere

ALL: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity Planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

Leader: With all creation

ALL: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;

The unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

Space for Healing

Together we invoke the Spirit of healing: Come now, Holy Spirit, and send us from heaven the gift that you have promised in Jesus, that in body, spirit and mind we may be healed of all that harms us and find wholeness and life in your name.

Amen

(During this time, the music will play. You are invited to rest and reflect in your seat or to light a candle.)

Hymn 663 Bread of Life

Communion

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: Loving God, through your goodness

We have this bread and wine to offer

Which earth has given and human hands have made.

May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread

So that we may know your touch

In all bread, all matter.

We celebrate that Jesus has shared around his community through the centuries and shares with us now.

Made one in Christ and one with each other

We offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single holy living sacrifice.

Amen

Leader: The Lord be with you ALL: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts ALL: We lift them up to God

Leader: Let us give thanks to God

ALL: It is right to give both thanks and praise