

ALL: Holy, 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.

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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 277 Hark the glad sound!

Closing Responses

Leader: This is the season of God's promise

All: We will wait in hope and walk in God's light.

Leader: We will prepare a place for the Lord,

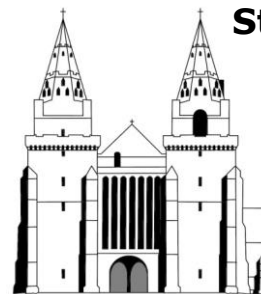
All: Offering all of our hearts and all of our lives.

Leader: Go in peace to serve the Lord

All: We will seek God's light, share God's hope, and live out God's love.

Leader: The blessing of the Trinity of Love

All: One God in perfect community. Amen



St Machar's Cathedral, Old Aberdeen

**6.00pm
Evening Worship**

Sunday 22nd December 2024

Conducted by Rev Sarah Brown

The Lighting of the candle

Opening responses

Leader: The light shines in the darkness

All: and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: In the silence of advent hope

All: We wait for the coming of Christ

Leader: The true light is coming into the world

All: and all creation will rejoice.

Leader: The righteous branch of David

All: shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Leader: Open our hearts, O God

All: and fill them with the light of your love.

Hymn 304 O little town of Bethlehem

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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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

Hymn 295 Who would think that what was needed

Reading Micah 5 : 2 - 5

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, hope of the world

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