

## PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*During which we sing:*

1. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2. Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
3. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.  
Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

### ALL AGES TALK

HYMN – Wild and lone the prophet’s voice (Aberystwyth – 133)  
– see *separate sheet*

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Zephaniah 3 : 14 - 20

### PSALM 45

- 1 My heart overflows with a goodly theme;  
I address my verses to the king;  
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
- 2 **You are the most handsome of men;**  
**grace is poured upon your lips;**  
**therefore God has blessed you for ever.**
- 3 Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,  
in your glory and majesty.
- 4 **In your majesty ride on victoriously**  
**for the cause of truth and to defend the right;**  
**let your right hand teach you dread deeds.**
- 5 Your arrows are sharp  
in the heart of the king’s enemies;  
the peoples fall under you.
- 6 **Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever.**  
**Your royal sceptre is a sceptre of equity;**
- 7 you love righteousness and hate wickedness.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
- 8 **your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**  
**From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;**

- 9 daughters of kings are among your ladies of honour;  
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
- 10 **Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;**  
**forget your people and your father’s house,**
- 11 and the king will desire your beauty.  
Since he is your lord, bow to him;
- 12 **the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts,**  
**the richest of the people**
- 13 with all kinds of wealth.  
The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;
- 14 **in many-coloured robes she is led to the king;**  
**behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.**
- 15 With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.
- 16 **In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;**  
**you will make them princes in all the earth.**
- 17 I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;  
therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Philippians 4 : 4 – 7

### ANTHEM

Rejoice in the Lord always – Anon (16<sup>th</sup> century)

GOSPEL READING – Luke 3 : 7 - 18

*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 – My soul cries out (Irish tune) – see *separate sheet*

### 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.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*During which we use the response:*  
Lord, in your love:  
**hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

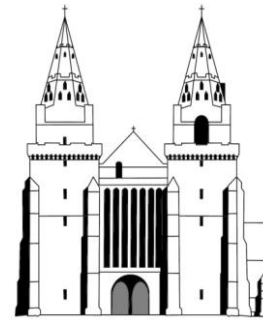
INTIMATIONS

HYMN 283 – The voice of God

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

RECESSIONAL

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottessohn – J S Bach (1685-1750)



ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL  
OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship for the Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 11.00 am

Conducted by the Rev Sarah Brown

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 599 – J S Bach (1685-1750)  
O come, O come, Emmanuel – Robert Lau (b.1943)

INTROIT

Advent Introit – Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Prepare the way of God (Franconia) – see separate sheet

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

*Minister:* Today, the third Sunday of Advent, we remember John the Baptist,  
preparing the way for Christ.

*The third Advent Candle is lit.*

*Lighter:* A candle burns,  
the sign of our faith.

*Minister:* God of challenge and transformation,  
come to us again this Advent.

**ALL: May we have faith that renews us to  
live in the light of your promises.**

