

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.
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ALL AGES TALK

HYMN - God of justice – see *separate sheet* (tune: Holy Manna – 655)

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Micah 5 : 2 – 5a

PSALM 80 – 1 - 7

- 1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
- 2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!
- 3 Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts,**
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- 6 You make us the scorn of our neighbours;**
Our enemies laugh among themselves
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Hebrews 10 : 5 - 10

ANTHEM

Ne timeas Maria – Tomas Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611)

GOSPEL READING – Luke 1 : 39 - 45

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 291 – When out of poverty is born

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 289 – Lift up your heads

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

RECESSIONAL

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

*You are invited to stay for coffee/tea which will be served in the side aisle
after the service.*

FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE CATHEDRAL

6.00pm this evening – Evening Service with Holy Communion

6.00pm 24th December – Christingle

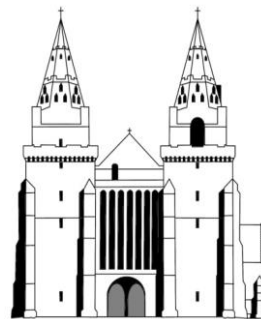
11.00pm 24th December – Watchnight Service

11.00am 25th December – Sacrament of Holy Communion

12.00pm on Friday – Midday Prayers

11.00am next Sunday 29th December – Morning Worship

All conducted by Rev Sarah Brown



ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL
OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 22nd December 2024 at 11.00 am

Conducted by the Rev Sarah Brown

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Pastorale – Charles Wesley (1757-1834)

Birjina gaztettobat zegoen - Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

INTROIT

Come, thou redeemer of the earth – M Praetorius (1571-1621)

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 281 - People, look East!

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Minister: Today, the fourth Sunday of Advent, we remember Mary,
mother of our Saviour and bearer of God's promise.

The fourth Advent Candle is lit.

Lighter: A candle burns,
the sign of God's love.

Minister: God of hope and new vision,
come to us again this Advent.

**ALL: May the light of your love
be born anew in us.**

