

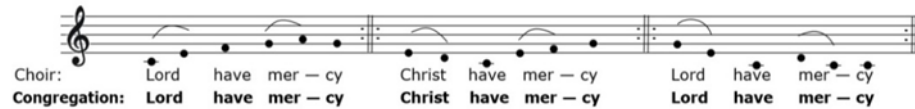
We pray:

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, here among us:

All: **may the light of your love
shine to the ends of the earth.**

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

During which we sing:



Choir: Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy
Congregation: Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy

ALL AGES TALK

HYMN 312 – Away in a manger

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 52 : 7 - 10

PSALM 98

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.
- 2 **The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**
- 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
- 4 **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**
- 5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- 6 **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**
- 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
- 8 **Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy**
- 9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Hebrews 1 : 1 - 4

ANTHEM

Ecce novum Gaudium

tune & words from 17th century Scottish song-books

harmonisation: Kenneth Elliott (1929-2011)

translation: Alistair Fulton (1944-2013)

GOSPEL READING – John 1 : 1 - 14

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

HYMN 322 – Good Christians, all rejoice

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.**

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.

**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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Myn lyking – R R Terry (1864-1938)

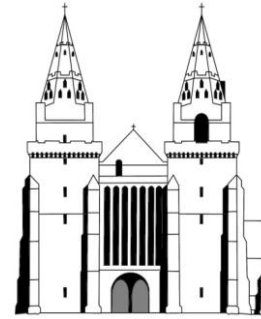
SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

HYMN 313 - See! In yonder manger low

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

RECESSIONAL Mohrentanz – Tylman Susato (c1510-1570)



ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL
OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship for Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th December 2024 at 11.00 am

Conducted by the Rev Mark Rodgers

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

O come, all ye faithful – *Gordon Young (1919-1998)*

Adoration – *Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953)*

INTROIT

Ding dong! Merrily on high

text: G R Woodward (1848-1934)

music: 16th century French melody, harmonized by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 306 - O Come, all ye faithful

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

Minister: Rejoice, people of God!
The light has come into the world.
The Christmas candle is lit.

Minister: A boy has been born for us;
All: **a child has been given to us.**

Minister: And his name shall be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
All: **Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

Minister: Once we were no people;
All: **now we are God's people.**

Minister: Once we walked in darkness;
All: **now we have seen a great light.**