

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Samuel 2 : 18 - 20, 26

PSALM 148

- 1 Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
- 2 **Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
- 4 **Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
- 6 **He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
8 **fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**
- 9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
- 10 **Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- 12 **Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
- 14 **He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Colossians 3 : 12 - 17

ANTHEM

Sans Day carol – Cornish traditional carol, arr. John Rutter (b.1945)

GOSPEL READING – Luke 2 : 41 - 52

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 311 – Child in the manger

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 324 – Angels from the realms of glory

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

RECESSIONAL

Les Cloches – Nicolas Le Bègue (1630-1702)

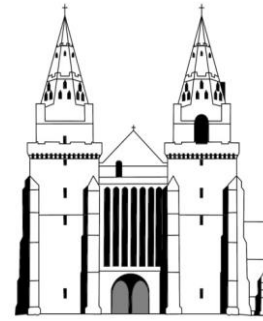
*You are invited to stay for coffee/tea which will be served in the side aisle
after the service.*

FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE CATHEDRAL

No evening service today

12.00pm on Friday – Midday Prayers

11.00am and 6pm next Sunday – services led by the Rev Sarah Brown



ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL
OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship for the First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 29th December 2024 at 11.00 am

Conducted by the Rev Sarah Brown

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

The Holy Boy – John Ireland (1879-1962)

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 319 – Of the Father's love

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 296 – While humble shepherds watched their flocks