

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 328 Wise men, they came to look for wisdom

Closing Responses

Leader: On our hearts and our houses

All: The blessing of God

Leader: In our coming and going

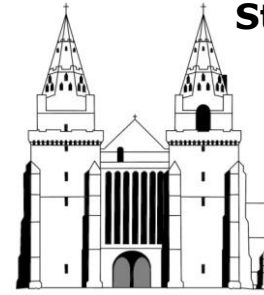
All: The peace of God

Leader: In our life and believing

All: The love of God

Leader: At our end and new beginning

All: The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home. Amen



St Machar's Cathedral, Old Aberdeen

**6.00pm
Evening Worship**

Sunday 5th January 2025

Conducted by Rev Sarah Brown

The Lighting of the candle

Opening responses

Leader: The world belongs to God

ALL: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful

ALL: To live together in unity

Leader: Love and faith come together

ALL: Justice and peace join hands

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent

ALL: These stones would shout aloud

Leader: Open our lips, O God

ALL: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise

Hymn 313 See! In yonder manger low

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 Deep in the darkness a starlight is gleaming – *see separate sheet*

Reading Matthew 2 : 13 – 23 Flight into Egypt

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 Christ from heaven's glory come – *see separate sheet*

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