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. **ALL:** Have mercy on us

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Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. **ALL: Grant us your peace**

Sharing of the Peace Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you ALL: And also with you

Hymn 739 The Church's one foundation

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 12th 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 189 Be still for the presence of the Lord

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

ALL: Before God, with the people of God We confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives The lives of others And the life of the world

Leader: May God forgive you, Christ renew you and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

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 166 Lord of all hopefulness

Reading Revelation 13

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 336 Christ is our light!

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