St Machar's Cathedral, Old Aberdeen

6.00pm
Evening Worship

Sunday 16th February 2025

Conducted by Rev Mark Rodgers

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 202   Stand up and bless 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

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 519   Love divine

Closing Responses

Leader: On our hearts and our houses
All: The blessing of God
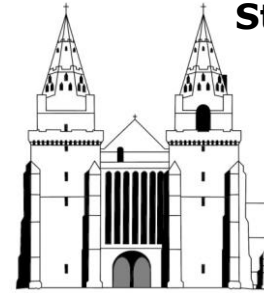Leader: In our coming and going
All: The peace of God
Leader: In our life and believing
All: The love of God
Leader: At our end and new beginning
All: The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home. Amen

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 55   Safe in the shadow

Reading   Numbers 22 : 1 - 6

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 657   Father most loving

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