

HYMN 183 – Fill now our life, O Lord our God

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 15 : 1 – 12, 17 - 18

PSALM 27

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 **When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.**
- 3 Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.
- 4 **One thing I asked of the Lord;
this I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.**
For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
- 6 **Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**
- 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
- 8 **“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.**
- 9 Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
- 10 **If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.**
- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
- 12 **Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

14 **Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Philippians 3 : 7 – 4 : 1

ANTHEM

O Lord, increase my faith – Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

GOSPEL READING – Luke 13 : 31 - 35

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 606 – Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders

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

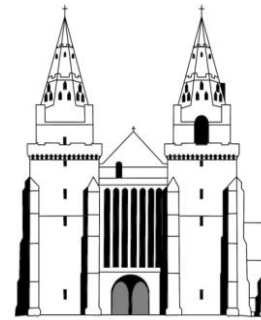
(you are invited to remain standing)

**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.**



ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL OLD ABERDEEN

Morning Worship

Sunday 16th March 2025 at 11.00 am
2nd Sunday in Lent

Conducted by Reverend Sarah Brown

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Minister: Lord, in your love:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INTIMATIONS

HYMN 192 – All my hope

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

RECESSIONAL

Prelude and Fugue in A minor (BWV 559) - J S Bach (1685-1750)

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE CATHEDRAL

6.00 pm this evening – Evening Service with Holy Communion

12.00 on Friday – Midday Prayers

11.00 am and 6.00 pm next Sunday – services led by the Rev Bill Smith and Rev Michael Mair respectively

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ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Andante Moderato - Antonio Vivaldi (1675-1741)

INTROIT

Introit for Lent – Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

BIDDING PRAYER

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN The God of Sarah praise (*tune: Leoni CH4 99*)
(see separate sheet)

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

During which we sing:



music: James MacMillan; © 1997 Boosey & Hawkes (CH4 648)

ALL AGES TALK

The God of Sarah praise,
the God of dreams long dead,
who brings forth unexpected life,
delight from dread.
Though grief lasts through the night,
joy rises with the sun;
God leaves us laughing in surprise
at death undone.

The God of Abr'ham praise,
the God of all who roam,
who guides us into foreign lands
and makes our home.
When darkness shrouds our path,
the stars, as pledges shine;
God's covenant will be fulfilled
by love's design.

The God of Hagar praise,
the God of those oppressed,
who sees the lost and overlooked
and calls them blessed.
Though wandering alone
through deserts of despair,
God leads us to a well of hope
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