



### **Welcome to St Andrew's, Aberdeen**

We unite in prayer at the Sacrament of the Altar  
at this time of uncertainty and challenge,  
in communion with the faithful in Aberdeen and beyond.  
You are most welcome as you join in Worship  
Online from the Upper Room.

## **HOLY EUCHARIST**

24 January 2021, 3 pm

### **The Conversion of St Paul**

Celebrant: Fr Isaac Poobalan

Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Cromar

**Mass setting:** *Communion Service in d minor*, Ralph Vaughan Williams  
**Organ voluntary:** *Voluntary in d minor, Op.5 No.8*, John Stanley (1712-1786)

## Hymn 154 tune ii (NEH)

(Words: G. B. Timms, Music: *St Peterburg*, D. S. Bortniansky)

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| 1 A heavenly splendour from on high,<br>A light too great for mortal eye,<br>Deprives the hunter of his prey<br>And turns his threatening wrath away.   | 4 The nations listen to his voice,<br>And in the peace of Christ rejoice;<br>The Church on earth his praises sing,<br>Who led the Gentiles to their King.      |
| 2 In darkened eyes, an inward light<br>Begins to shine upon his sight,<br>As in his heart he hears the call<br>To follow, and surrender all.            | 5 Blest Paul, the convert of the Lord,<br>May heaven's light to us afford<br>A blindness to the lures of sin,<br>That we with thee a crown may win.            |
| 3 The Christ, for sinners crucified,<br>Whose risen power he had denied,<br>Now claims this servant for his own,<br>And bids him make the gospel known. | 6 To God the Father, God the Son,<br>And God the Spirit, Three in One,<br>From saints on earth and saints in heaven,<br>Let everlasting praise be given. Amen. |

*Minister*      ✠ In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*All*              **Amen.**

*Minister*      Grace and peace to you from God our  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*All*              **Amen.**

*Minister* Almighty God,  
*All* to whom all hearts are  
open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are  
hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy  
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your Holy  
Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

## THE CONFESSION, KYRIES AND ABSOLUTION

*Minister* God is love and we are God's children.

There is no room for fear in love.

We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*A short silence may be kept.*

*Minister* God our Father,  
*All* **We confess to you**  
**and to our fellow members in the Body of**  
**Christ that we have sinned in thought, word**  
**and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We**  
**are truly sorry.**  
**Forgive us our sins,**  
**and deliver us from the power of evil,**  
**for the sake of your Son who died for**  
**us, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.**

*Celebrant* God, who is both Power, and Love,  
✠ forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us  
**Lord, have mercy upon us**  
Christ, have mercy upon us  
**Christ, have mercy upon us**  
Lord, have mercy upon us  
**Lord, have mercy upon us**

## THE GLORIA (John Merbecke)

**Glory be to God in the highest,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great  
glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God  
the Father Almighty;  
[and to thee, O God,  
the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
and to thee, O God, the Holy Ghost].  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father, who takest away the sins of the  
world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the  
world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the  
Father, have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art Holy, thou only art the Lord,  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
✠ art Most High in the glory of God  
the Father. Amen.**

## **Collect (Conversion of Saint Paul)**

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **Old Testament: Acts 26.9-23 (NRSV)**

Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities. With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.’ I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The Lord answered, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles – to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: that the Messiah must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 67**

- 1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;
- 2 That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
- 7 God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

**Epistle: Galatians 1.11-24 (NRSV)**

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## *Gospel acclamation*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 19.27-30 (NRSV)

*After the Gospel is announced*

**All**                    **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Then Peter said in reply, “Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Give thanks to the Lord for His glorious Gospel.

**All**                    **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**THE SERMON**

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and  
unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only  
Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from  
God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not  
made, of one substance with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven; *by the power of the Holy Spirit*  
*he became incarnate of the Virgin*  
*Mary, and was made man.*  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of  
life, who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church,  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE INTERCESSIONS

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* We meet in Christ's Name.  
*All* Let us share His peace.



## Offertory Hymn 275 (NEH)

(Words: G. B. Timms. Music: *Liebster Jesu (Dessau)*, Melody by J. R. Ahle 1625-73,  
Mühlhausen 1664)

- 1 Blessed Jesu, Mary's son,  
For mankind to earth thou camest,  
But the saving battle won,  
Now at God's right hand thou reignest:  
On thy people pour thy blessing,  
Gathered here, thy name confessing.
- 2 By this sacramental sign,  
Token of thy bitter passion,  
Through these gifts of bread and wine  
Thine own image in us fashion:  
By this food thy grace doth send us  
From all ills of soul defend us.
- 3 In this mystery of grace  
Which we celebrate before thee,  
Come, O Saviour, show thy face  
To the faithful who adore thee:  
All our sins by thee forgiven,  
Grant us here the joys of heaven.

### PRAYERS OF OFFERING

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made: it will become for us the Bread of life.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become the Cup of our salvation.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Worship and praise belong to you, Father,  
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the  
earth; you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours  
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us  
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new  
birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming  
purpose for whom Christ Jesus  
humbled himself and became poor to  
make us rich, we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels and the whole company of  
heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

## SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

**✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving  
Father, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.  
He is the Word existing beyond time, both  
source and final purpose, bringing to  
wholeness all that is made. Obedient to  
your will he died upon the Cross. By your  
power you raised him from the dead.  
He broke the bonds of evil and set your people  
free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to  
death, knowing that his hour had come,  
having loved his own,  
he loved them to the end.  
At supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying:

*‘Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.’ ✠*

After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them, saying:

*‘Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.’ ✠*

*All*           **We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

*Celebrant*   Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

*All*           **Help us, who are baptised  
into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage,  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
Saint Andrew, the apostles and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters  
living and departed.**

*Celebrant*   Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
With whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages, world without end.

*All*           **Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant*   The living Bread is broken for the life of the world.

*All*           **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

*Celebrant* As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:  
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:  
Grant us thy peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God: behold him that takes away the sin of the world; blessed are they who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Those joining in this service online are invited to make a spiritual communion:*

**Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. Permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.**

**Organ music:** Chorale prelude: *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier* BWV 731,  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### **Post-Communion Hymn 215 (NEH)**

(Words: Latin by J. B. De Santeuil 1630-97, Translation by H. W. Baker 1821-77) . Music: *Harts*,  
Benjamin Milgrove 1731-1810)

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| 1 Captains of the saintly band,<br>Lights who lighten every land,<br>Princes who with Jesus dwell,<br>Judges of his Israel.              | 4 Earth, that long in sin and pain<br>Groaned in Satan's deadly chain,<br>Now to serve its God is free<br>In the law of liberty.    |
| 2 On the nations sunk in night<br>Ye have shed the Gospel light;<br>Sin and error flee away;<br>Truth reveals the promised day.          | 5 Distant lands with one acclaim<br>Tell the honour of your name,<br>Who, wherever man has trod,<br>Teach the mysteries of God.     |
| 3 Not by warrior's spear and sword,<br>Not by art of human word<br>Preaching but the Cross of shame,<br>Rebel hearts for Christ ye tame. | 6 Glory to the Three in One<br>While eternal ages run<br>Who from deepest shades of night<br>Called us to his glorious light. Amen. |

*Celebrant* Give thanks to our gracious God,  
*All* **Whose mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are partakers of these mysteries, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; And the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you – and all whom you love, and all who love you, wherever they may be – this day and for evermore.

*All* **Amen.**

## NOTICES

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Organ:* *Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C* BuxWV 137,  
Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

## LET US PRAY

**We thank God** for the life and witness of the St Andrew's community worldwide, and we pray for its congregation in Aberdeen on its Pilgrimage of Trust with the God of Peace. We pray for our priest Isaac and his family, and for the ordinands Ferdinand and Godwin from this community now in training for ministry in Episcopal Church.

**In this season of Pandemic we pray for** all those who work in the frontline in health sector, including care homes, and those working in essential services.

**In the St Andrew's community and our circle of friends and supporters** we pray for Pamela Lawrence, Florence Cal-Anglia, Helena Thomas, Moira Paterson, Jean Souter, Richard Hutton, Henry Kelman, Pauline, Roger Worthington, Lena Benzi, Patricia Mitchell, the Rev'd Duncan Heddle, David Houldsworth, Janet Kelman, Daniel, Angela and Sister Columba.

**We praise God** for those who mark a blessing with a birthday or an anniversary, especially for Caroline Black, Chiazam Ziva Ugochukwu and Kamsiyo chukwu Zara Ugochukwu.

**We remember** those whom we love but see no longer; and those whose year's mind occurs this week. Especially today we pray for the repose of the souls of David Ingman, Ravi Garg, and Alan Yule.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the Anglican Church of Bangladesh, and for the Most Rev'd Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Kushtia.

**In the Diocese** we remember Bishop Anne, Fr Roger and Millie in our prayers. This week we pray for St Mary's Church, Stromness, for their Priest-in-Charge, the Rev'd Canon Tom Miller and for their Lay Reader, Chris Howard.

**In the Porvoo Prayer Diary** we pray for the Diocese of Birmingham in the Church of England and for their Bishops, David Urquhart and Anne Hollinghurst, for the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross in the Church of Ireland, and for their Bishop, Paul Colton, and for the Diocese of Elsinore in the Lutheran Church in Denmark, and for their Bishop, Lise-Lotte Rebel.

## EVENTS AND SERVICES

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| 28 January | <b>Holy Communion</b> (online) at 10 am  |
| 29 January | <b>Cathedral coffee morning</b> (Zoom) at 10 am  |
| 31 January | <b>Holy Eucharist</b> at 10 am (in St Mary's, Carden Place)<br>and <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (online) at 3 pm. |

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