



**ST ANDREW'S**  
\* CATHEDRAL \*  
**ABERDEEN**

**Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Andrew**

We hope that you enjoy worshipping with us today. Please join us for tea and coffee after the service. If you are visiting, please do stay and ask a member of the congregation for directions.

**SUNG EUCHARIST**

10.45 am, Sunday 1 September 2019

**Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Celebrant and Preacher: Very Rev'd Isaac Poobalan, Provost  
Director of Music and Organist: Professor Andrew Morrisson

**Mass Setting**

George Oldroyd, *Missa Ave Jesu*

*Organ voluntary before the service*  
Basil Harwood, *Andante (Sonata I)*

## **Processional Hymn 394**

(Words: George Herbert, from his collection of poems *The Temple*, published in 1633. Herbert wrote on his deathbed that the poems presented ‘a picture of the many spiritual conflicts that have passed betwixt God and my soul’. Music: Basil Harwood, *Luckington* – which is the name of a town in which Harwood lived for a while)

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
    My God and King!  
The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly,  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
    My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
    My God and King!  
The church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out;  
But, above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
    My God and King!

## **Collect**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13 (NRSV)

*read by Ike Okpala*

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, “Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, “Where is the Lord?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

## Psalm 81 (vv 1, 11-17) Chant 142

1 Sing we merrily unto | God our | strength : make a cheerful noise | unto the | God of | Jacob.

11 I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the | land of | Egypt : open thy mouth | wide and | I shall | fill it.

12 But my people would not | hear my | voice : and | Israel | would not o|bey me.

13 So I gave them up unto their | own hearts’ | lusts : and let them follow their | own im|agin|ations.

14 O that my people would have hearkened | unto | me : for if | Israel had | walked in my | ways,

15 I should soon have put | down their | enemies : and turned my | hand  
a|gainst their | adversaries.

16 The haters of the Lord should have been | found | liars : but their  
time | should have en|dured for | ever.

17 He should have fed them also with the | finest | wheat-flour : and with  
honey out of the stony rock should | I have | satisfied | thee.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be : world without | end.  
A|--|men.

**Epistle:** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (NRSV)

*read by Tracey Robinson*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## Gradual Hymn 294 (NEH)

(Words: Charlotte Elliott, 1835, intended to set out 'the formulae of her faith'. Music: Arthur Henry Brown, *Saffron Walden*)

1 Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,  
relieve:  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am (thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down);  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth, and height  
to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

## Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NRSV)

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich

neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

### **Offertory Hymn 362 (NEH)**

(Words: John Newton. Newton was a Church of England priest; he wrote several well-known hymns. This hymn is based on Psalm 87:3 and Isaiah 33:20–21. Music: Cyril Taylor, *Abbot's Leigh*. The hymn was traditionally sung to Haydn's *Austria*, but during the Second World War this was thought inappropriate)

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for his own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove;  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

3 Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name;  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Zion's children know.

## **Post-Communion Hymn 476 (NEH)**

(Words: Charles Wesley; the hymn was first published in 1744 by Wesley in the pamphlet *Hymns for Times of Trouble and Persecution*. Music: Paderborn, taken from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesangbuch* published in Germany in 1765)

- 1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name:  
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
  
- 2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save,  
And still he is nigh, his presence we have:  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
  
- 3 Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honour the Son:  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
  
- 4 Then let us adore and give him his right:  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
All honour and blessing with angels above,  
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

*Organ voluntary after the service:*

J.S. Bach, *Fantasia in G minor* BWV572

## LET US PRAY

**In the Cathedral community** we pray for Helena Thomas, Yvonne Craik, Moira Paterson, Jean Souter, Ravi Garg and Gordon Smith.

**We praise God** for those who mark a blessing this week with a birthday or an anniversary.

**We remember** those whom we love but see no longer, especially Audrey Gray and Ron Hudson; and those whose year's mind occurs this week.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, and the Most Rev'd Justin Badi Arama, Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St Ninian's Church, Aberdeen, and their Curate, the Rev'd Nick Bowry.

**In the Porvoo Prayer Diary** we pray for the Diocese of Turku in the Lutheran Church in Finland, and for Archbishop Tapio Luoma and Bishop Kaarlo Kalliala; and for the Diocese of York in the Church of England, and for Archbishop John Sentamu, Bishop Paul Ferguson, Bishop John Thomson, Bishop Alison White, and Bishop Glyn Webster.

## EVENTS AND SERVICES

3 September **The Fellowship Group**, John Skinner Centre, 6 pm.

4 September **Wednesday Holy Communion**, 10 am.

6 September **Friendship Café** in the John Skinner Centre between 10am and 12 noon.

7 September **Cathedral Open Day**, from 10 am.

**Cathedral at Noon**, Professor Andrew Morrisson, *Organ music from France and Germany*, 12 pm.

8 September Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: **Holy Communion** at 8 am.  
**Sung Eucharist** (choral) at 10.45 am.

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