



**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 11 August 2019

**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Celebrant and Preacher: Very Rev'd Isaac Poobalan, Provost  
Organist: Bill Henderson

**Mass Setting**

*Communion Service, John Merbecke*

*There will be an organ voluntary before and at the end of the service*

## **Introit Hymn 440 (NEH)**

(Words: Joachim Neander, Tr. Catherine Winkworth. Music: Melody from Joachim Neander's *Alpha und Omega*, 'Lobe den Herren')

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:

All ye who hear,

Brothers and sisters draw near,

Praise him in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:

Hast thou not see

All that is needful hath been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:

Ponder anew

All the Almighty can do,

He who with love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen

Sound from his people again:

Gladly for ay we adore him.

## **Collect**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and rains with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 (NRSV)

*read by Tamunotonye Dikibo*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

### **Psalm 50 (1-8,22-23) Chant 144**

- 1 THE Lord, even the most mighty | God hath | spoken : and called the world,  
from the rising up of the sun unto the | going | down there|of.
- 2 Out | of | Sion : hath God ap|peared in | perfect | beauty.
- 3 Our God shall come and shall | not keep | silence : there shall go before him  
a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be | stirred up | round a|bout  
him.
- 4 He shall call the heaven | from a|bove : and the earth, that | he may | judge  
his | people.

5 Gather my saints together | unto | me : those that have made a | covenant  
with | me with | sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall de|clare his | righteousness : for | God is | Judge  
him|self.

7 Hear O my people and | I will | speak : I myself will testify against thee O  
Israel for I am God | even | thy | God.

8 I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices, or for thy | burnt-|of-  
ferings : because they | were not | always be|fore me.

22 O consider this ye that for|get | God : lest I pluck you away and | there be |  
none to de|liver you.

23 Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he | honoureth | me : and to him  
that ordereth his conversation right will I | shew the sal|vation of | God.

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 11:1-3, 8-16 (NRSV)

*read by Michael Poobalan*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the

land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### **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.

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

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.

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.

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 12:32-40 (NRSV)

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he

comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

### **Offertory Hymn 381 (NEH)**

(Words: Bernard of Cluny, from his poem *De Contemptu Mundi*, Tr. J.M. Neale. Music: Alexander Ewing, composed in 1853 for the Aberdeen Harmonic Choir)

1 Jerusalem the golden,  
With milk and honey blest,  
Beneath thy contemplation  
Sink heart and voice oppressed.  
I know not, O I know not,  
What social joys are there,  
What radiancy of glory,  
What bliss beyond compare.

2 They stand, those halls of Zion,  
Conjubilant with song,  
And bright with many an angel,  
And all the martyr throng;  
The Prince is ever in them,  
The daylight is serene,  
The pastures of the blessed  
Are decked in glorious sheen.

3 There is the throne of David,  
And there, from care released,  
The song of them that triumph,  
The shout of them that feast;  
And they, who with their Leader,  
Have conquered in the fight,  
For ever and for ever  
Are clad in robes of white.

4 O sweet and blessed country,  
Shall I ever see thy face?  
O sweet and blessed country,  
Shall I ever win thy grace?  
Exult, O dust and ashes,  
The Lord shall be thy part:  
His only, his for ever t  
Thou shalt be, and thou art.

## Post-Communion Hymn 333 (NEH)

(Words: Joachim Neander – *Meine Hoffnung stehet feste*, Tr. Robert Bridges, Poet Laureate. Music: Herbert Howells, in memory of his son Michael)

1 All my hope on God is founded:  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he  
guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.

2 God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep His wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light and life attend Him,  
Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
New born worlds rise and adore.

3 Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow.  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.

4 Still from man to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ His Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

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## LET US PRAY

**In the Cathedral community** we pray for Ron Hudson, Helena Thomas, Audrey Gray, 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 those whose year's mind is this week.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the united Church of South India, and the Most Rev'd Thomas Kanjirappally Oommen, Moderator of the Church and Bishop of Madhya Kerala.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St Thomas' Church, Aboyne. For their Rector, Rev'd Canon Vittoria Hancock, and for their Lay Readers, John Lovie and Stuart Yarnell.

**In the Porvoo Prayer Diary** we pray for the Diocese of Portsmouth in the Church of England, and for Bishop Christopher Foster; and for the Diocese of Stockholm in the Church of Sweden, and Bishop Eva Brunne.

## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

**The Fellowship Group** meets in the John Skinner Centre on Tuesdays at 6pm for discussion and conversation.

**Cathedral at Noon**, 17 August, 12 pm: Ed Jones, organ music by Dupré and Jongen.

**Joint Congregational Outing** with St. John's Church on Sunday 8 September 2019, to the V&A Museum of Design in Dundee. High tea in Edzell, with pick up and drop off from the Cathedral at 12.45pm and 7.45pm, respectively. Cost £15. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet (at the back of the Cathedral) and indicate your meal preference.

Note that the **Simplyhealth Aberdeen Run** will take place on Sunday 25 August. This will start and finish on Union Street, starting at 9.05 am, and will include King Street, so that access to the Cathedral by car will be affected. More information can be found here:  
<https://www.greatrun.org/great-aberdeen-run>

## **SERVICES**

Wednesday, 14 August: *Holy Communion* at 10 am

Sunday, 18 August: *Holy Communion* at 8 am, *Sung Eucharist* at 10.45 am.

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