

KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL



UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE

Thursday 25 May 2023
at 12.15pm



Welcome to this Founders' Day Service here in King's College Chapel.

All are invited to join in saying the words printed in **bold type** throughout the service and to join in the singing of the hymns. Other music in the service is sung by the University of Aberdeen Chapel Choir.

At various points in the order all are invited to stand, but please feel free to do what is most comfortable for you throughout the service.

Please note that this service is being live streamed and recorded.

Further information is available here: www.abdn.ac.uk/privacy

ORDER OF SERVICE

All are invited to stand for the academic procession.

All sit while the choir sings the introit.

INTROIT

This is the day the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad!

text: Psalm 118: 24; music: S Wallace

OPENING RESPONSES

We are met in the presence of God,
and we do not meet alone.
With the angels in highest heaven,
we gather to worship the Lord.
With the saints of every age,
we gather to worship the Lord.
With the Church throughout the world,
we gather to worship the Lord.
We are met in the presence of God,
and we do not meet alone.

HYMN

Praise my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flowers we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the high eternal one!

Angels help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

text: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

music: 'Praise my soul' - John Goss (1800-1880)

PRAYERS

READING

Wisdom of Sirach 44: 1-15

read by

Vanessa Mabonso Nzolo, *Student President*

Sai Shraddha S Viswanathan, *Vice President for Welfare*

Let us now sing the praises of famous men,
our ancestors in their generations.
The Lord apportioned to them great glory,
his majesty from the beginning.
There were those who ruled in their kingdoms,
and made a name for themselves by their valour;
those who gave counsel because they were intelligent;
those who spoke in prophetic oracles;
those who led the people by their counsels
and by their knowledge of the people's lore;
they were wise in their words of instruction;
those who composed musical tunes,
or put verses in writing;
rich men endowed with resources,
living peacefully in their homes—
all these were honoured in their generations,
and were the pride of their times.
Some of them have left behind a name,
so that others declare their praise.

But of others there is no memory;
they have perished as though they had never existed;
they have become as though they had never been born,

they and their children after them.
But these also were godly men,
whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten;
their wealth will remain with their descendants,
and their inheritance with their children's children.
Their descendants stand by the covenants;
their children also, for their sake.
Their offspring will continue for ever,
and their glory will never be blotted out.
Their bodies are buried in peace,
but their name lives on generation after generation.
The assembly declares their wisdom,
and the congregation proclaims their praise.

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

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
and make this house your home;
descend with all your gracious powers;
come now, great Spirit, come!

Come as the fire: and cleanse our hearts
with purifying flame;
let our whole life an offering be
to our Redeemer's name.

Come as the dove: and spread your wings,
the wings of peaceful love;
and let your Church on earth become
blest as the Church above.

Come as the wind, with rushing sound
and Pentecostal grace,
that all the human race may see
the glory of your face.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
and make this house your home;
descend with all your gracious powers;
come now, great Spirit, come!

text: Andrew Reed (1787-1862)

music: 'St Magnus' - Jeremiah Clarke (1673-1707)

The congregation are invited to remain standing.

THE ACT OF COMMEMORATION

God of the past who has created and nurtured us:

we are here to thank you.

God of the future who is always ahead of us:

we are here to trust you.

God of the present here in the midst of us:

we are here to praise you.

God of life beyond us, within us:

we rejoice in your eternal love.

Rejoicing in your everlasting presence,
we remember and give thanks this day
for the Founders of this University.

RECITATION OF FOUNDERS' NAMES

*The Principal, Professor George Boyne,
will recite the names of Founders of the University*

LIGHTING OF FOUNDERS' CANDLE

*The Principal lights a candle in memory of and in
thanksgiving, for all the Founders of the University.*

Thanks be to you, Eternal God, for these our Founders,
and all who have given of themselves in service to this
University.

To you be glory forever.

The congregation are invited to sit.

ANTHEM

O praise God in his holiness:
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts:
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well tun'd cymbals:
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath:
praise the Lord.

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.
Amen.

text: Psalm 150

music: Charles V Stanford (1852-1924)

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you:

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

we lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

it is right to give thanks and praise.

Let us remember with thanksgiving, the faithful in all
ages and in all places who have served you:

with grateful hearts we praise your holy name.

Let us remember the missionaries who first brought
your gospel to these shores and who built up your
church in this land:

with grateful hearts we praise your holy name.

Let us remember this day the life and influence of
William Elphinstone, who with farsighted vision and
dedicated service caused this University to be founded
and guided it through its earliest days:

with grateful hearts we praise your holy name.

Let us remember King James the IV and Pope Alexander the VI, who through charter and bull gave permission for the establishment of this University:

with grateful hearts we praise your holy name.

Let us remember the generosity of spirit and commitment to learning that have led benefactors in every generation to endow this University, enabling it to pursue its quest for knowledge and understanding:

with grateful hearts we praise your holy name.

Let us remember the scholars, by whose dedication and skill, knowledge has been acquired, understanding has been deepened and wisdom has been handed on from one generation to another:

with grateful hearts we praise your holy name.

Let us remember the students, whose quest for understanding and eagerness to learn have constantly challenged all who teach to strive for the best:

with grateful hearts we praise your holy name.

Let us remember our graduates, who have been led into many spheres of service, accepting the responsibility placed upon all who seek knowledge, to use that knowledge to the benefit of all humanity:

with grateful hearts we praise your holy name.

Let us remember all who in our own day are leaders, and innovators; inspired by them may we all go forward in humility and with confidence to serve your world and your people with integrity and honour:

with grateful hearts we praise your holy name.

HYMN

O God of generations,
with thanks we now recall
all those who built before us
in answer to your call.
You spoke and formed a people
and claimed then as your own.
Build us into your dwelling
with Christ as cornerstone.

Today, while mountains tremble
with change on ev'ry side,
God, be our firm foundation,
our present help and guide.
Reclaim our wand'ring spirits
that we may hear your voice.
Because you are still speaking,
we listen and rejoice.

You dwell among your people;
from this our future grows,
a tree beside a river
where crystal water flows.
Renew your list'ning people,
that we may do your will.
Reform us, God, rebuild us,
for you are speaking still!

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music: 'Aurelia' - Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

THE SERMON

Rt Rev Hugh Gilbert OSB
Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen

ANTHEM

O Thou the central orb of righteous love,
pure beam of the most high,
eternal light of this our wintry world,
thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,
hope soars above, above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
as stars about thy throne, set in the height
of God's ordaining counsel,
as thy sight gives measur'd grace to each,
thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
our nature all shall feel eternal day,
in fellowship with thee,
transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,
now pure within, now pure within.
Amen.

text: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

PRAYERS

Led by Rev Dr James Garnett
Honorary Methodist Chaplain

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
the power, and the glory,
for ever.
Amen.**

HYMN

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of God's word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's name!
Make known the mighty deeds God's arm has done;
whose mercy sure, from age to age the same;
God's holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to fight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of God's word!
Firm is the promise of God's mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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music: 'Woodlands' - Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

THE BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

*Offertoire sur les Grand Jeux from 'Messe pour les paroisses':
Francois Couperin (1668-1733)*

*A retiral offering will be taken in aid of AUSA Campaigns
for mental health in the cost of living crisis*

*The members of the Congregation are invited to a reception
in James Mackay Hall following the service*

*The Reciprocation Book from the University's Special Collections
will be on display in James Mackay Hall*

Rev Marylee Anderson, Chaplain to the University

University of Aberdeen Chapel Choir
Stuart Muir, Director of Chapel and Ceremonial Music
Benjamin Cramer, Hopkin Chapel Conducting Scholar
Holly Brow, King's College Conducting Scholar
Matthew McVey, David and June Gordon Memorial Organ
Scholar

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