



Morning Worship

and

Annual Muster

The Airborne Alliance in Scotland

Dunfermline Abbey

Sunday 10th May 2026

10.30am



Service conducted by
Rev Dr MaryAnn R Rennie BD MTh
& Rev Dr Karen K Campbell BD MTh



Organist
Matthew Beetschen, BA, FRCO, ARSCM



**The Combined Lowland & Highland Bands
of The Royal Regiment of Scotland**
Director of Music Captain Alex Knox

*By kind permission of Major Falconer
Executive Officer 6th Bn The Royal Regiment of Scotland*

&

*By kind permission of Lieutenant Colonel David Robertson
Commanding Officer 7th Bn The Royal Regiment of Scotland*



Piper
Corporal Scott McCaskill
The Black Watch, 3rd Bn Royal Regiment of Scotland



Bugler
Corporal Neshum Tamang
1st Bn The Royal Gurkha Rifles
*By kind permission of Major R McCrindle
Director Army Bagpipe Music*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(The words below are a short prayer that may be used by individuals before worship, offering an opportunity to prepare for worship.)

O thou, who art the light of the minds that know thee,
the life of the souls that love thee,
and the strength of the wills that serve thee;
help us so to know thee that we may truly love thee;
so to love thee that we may fully serve thee,
whom to serve is perfect freedom. Amen

St Augustine

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ & Band Prelude

Balladair - by F Erickson

Heartland - by A Fernie

Eriskay Love Lilt - By C Grundman

Pro Patria Mori - by A Fernie

In Honorem – by David Stephen

Introit

Cantate Domino – GO Pitoni

Call to Worship

Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

In Christ, we are called to new ways of living:
the greatest love is offered in the laying down of life for another.

With the Holy Spirit, we declare the Good News:
Let our hearts be open to hear God's Word.

Hymn No 132 (St Denio)

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

(As the hymn is sung the ABA Standards will process into the Abbey)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Wallter Chalmers Smith (1824- 1908)

Welcome and Intimations

Call to Prayer

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
which 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.

A reading from the New Testament

Acts of the Apostles 17: 22-31

Robert Balfour, Lord Lieutenant of Fife

Anthem

Lift up your heads O ye gates – W Mathias

A reading from the Gospels

John 14: 15-21

Alistair Macmillan

Hymn No 126 (Cantad Al Señor)

“Let's sing to the Lord”

Let's sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song.
Let's sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song.
Let's sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song.
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

Let's shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Let's shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Let's shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.

Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

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Brazilian Folk Song

translated Gerhard M Cartford

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Sermon

The Reverend Doctor Karen K Campbell, BD MTh
National Chaplain Royal British Legion Scotland

Hymn No 595 (Sunset)

“O Breath of life, come sweeping through us”

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your Church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;

come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

Revive us, Lord! is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your Church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Head (1850-1936)
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Offering

Tuba tune in D – CS Lang

Prayer of Dedication and Prayers of Intercession

The Airborne Forces Collect

May the defence of the Most High be above and beneath, around and within us, in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our going down, all our days and all our nights, until the dawn when the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings for the people of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for King and Country

Almighty God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords; hear us as we pray to thee for the nation to which we belong. Guide with thy eternal wisdom our King, his family and his counsellors: make us strong in faith and righteousness and in love of freedom: and grant that we may still be counted worthy to do

our part in leading the nations of the world into the paths of peace. For the honour of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Act of Remembrance

We will remember them
We will remember them

The Last Post

Lament

Silence

Reveille

Hymn No 519 (Hyfrydol)

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

(As this hymn is sung the ABA Standards will process from the Abbey)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,

pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us,
God save the King.

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ & Piper Postlude

Highland Cathedral – U Roever/M Korb

The Review

At the conclusion of worship ABA members, families and guests are invited to walk from the Abbey into Pittencrieff Park and to make their way to the Glen Pavilion. A bus is also available, which will take the Bands and anyone else who would rather not walk direct to the Glen Pavilion by road

There will be a Review of ABA Members and Standards by the Lord Lieutenant of Fife, Robert Balfour, outside the Glen Pavilion. Guests are invited to watch from the balcony of the Glen Pavilion. In the event of inclement weather, the Review will be cancelled.

Following the review those members and guests who are taking lunch will be able to meet beforehand at a reception in the foyer of the Glen Pavilion.

A retiring collection on behalf of the Airborne Alliance Charity will be taken at the exit door.



Winston Churchill's letter to General Ismay 22nd June 1940:

“We ought to have a corps of at least 5,000 parachute troops including a proportion of Australians, New Zealanders and Canadians together with some trustworthy people from Norway and France. I see more difficulty in employing Danes, Dutch and Belgians. I hear something is being done already to form such a corps but only I believe on a very small scale. Advantage must be taken of the summer to train these forces, who can none the less, play their part meanwhile as shock troops in home defences. Pray let me have a note from the War Office on the subject.”



The Parachute Regiment Today

The Parachute Regiment forms the airborne infantry element of 16 Air Assault Brigade. It provides the capability to deploy at short notice in the most demanding circumstances by parachute or helicopter. In addition one battalion is trained to provide direct support to United Kingdom Special Forces. The 4th (Volunteer) Battalion is part of the Reserve Forces with companies located across the United Kingdom.

The Parachute Regiment is now the only line infantry regiment, which has not been amalgamated with another unit since the end of the Second World War.

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