

Order of Service

Introit Kyrie: Gott, Heiliger Geist, BWV 672

J.S.Bach

Call to Worship

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Minister Lord, have mercy
All **Lord, have mercy.**
Minister Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**
Minister Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our refuge:
from one generation to another.
*Before the mountains were born
or the earth and the world were brought to be:*

From eternity to eternity you are God.
You turn man back into dust:
saying 'Return to dust, you sons of Adam.'

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing:
or like one watch of the night.
*You cut them short like a dream:
like the fresh grass of the morning;*

In the morning it is green and flourishes:
at evening it is withered and dried up.
*And we are consumed by your anger:
because of your indignation we cease to be.*

You have brought our iniquities before you:
and our secret sins to the light of your countenance.
*Our days decline beneath your wrath:
and our years pass away like a sigh.*

The days of our life are three score years and ten,
or if we have strength, four score:
*the pride of our labours is but toil and sorrow,
for it passes quickly away and we are gone.*

Who can know the power of your wrath:
who can know your indignation like those that fear you?
*Teach us so to number our days:
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.*

Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry? :
take pity on your servants.
*O satisfy us early with your mercy:
that all our days we may rejoice and sing.*

Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us:
for the years we have suffered adversity.
*Show your servants your work:
and let their children see your glory.*

All **May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us :
prosper the work of our hands,
O prosper the work of our hands!**

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Musical Offering No.7 (Expressions) J.Langlais (1907-1992)

New Testament Lesson 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon

Music for Contemplation No. 9 (Expressions) J.Langlais

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Minister: Lord, hear our prayer

All: And in your love, answer.

Responsive Commissioning (from Galatians 5)

For freedom Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.
For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;
only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,

but through love become slaves to one another.
For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Live by the Spirit.
The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

There is no law against such things.
And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**All: If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.
For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,
"You shall love your neighbour as yourself."**

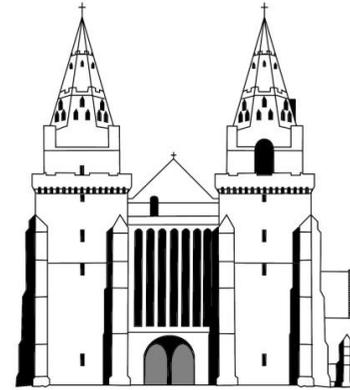
Benediction

Musical postlude Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669 J.S. Bach

Please remain seated during the recessional music.

An elder will guide you out.

The music at the beginning and end of the Service is based around the Kyrie – Lord have mercy upon us – by Bach – intended to remind us that in more normal times this last Sunday in the month would be a Communion Service. The two pieces of music within the Service are both beautifully poised and heartfelt pieces from the French organ repertoire of the twentieth century. Two Bach pieces are taken from the third part of the *Klavierübung* and make quite different statements, the opening one as a quiet piece, and the end piece as a positive statement of faith. The two pieces by the French composer, are both taken from a book of occasional pieces composed by Langlais (who many years ago visited this cathedral) and his pupil Naji Hakim. They are all short, character pieces of great atmosphere.



St Machar's Cathedral Old Aberdeen

**11.00am
Morning Worship**

Sunday 25th October 2020

Conducted by Reverend Professor Philip G. Ziegler

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY. MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH
And in JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD
Who was conceived by
The Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate.
Was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again
from the dead.
He ascended into heaven.
And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in
The HOLY GHOST;
The HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH;
The COMMUNION OF SAINTS;
The FORGIVENESS OF SINS;
The RESURRECTION OF THE BODY;
And the LIFE EVERLASTING.
AMEN.**

Our next worship will be Sunday 1st November at 11am with Rev Mark Rodgers

There will also be an All Souls Service on Sunday 1st November at 6pm with Rev Bill Smith

Please take this Order of Service home with you