

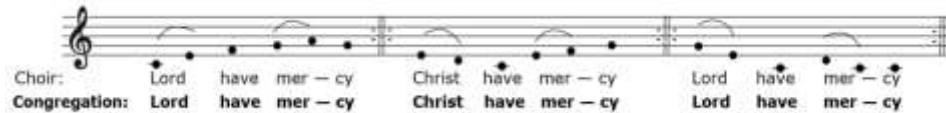
Order of Service

Call to Worship

Hymn 21 – Lord, teach me all your ways (Garelochside)

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession



Choir: Lord have mer – cy Christ have mer – cy Lord have mer – cy
Congregation: Lord have mer – cy Christ have mer – cy Lord have mer – cy

A word with the children

Hymn 185 – Come, children, join and sing (Madrid)

Readings

Old Testament: Amos 7: 7-9

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13

Anthem: A Hymn of St. Columba B.Britten (1913-76)

*King of kings and of lords most high, Comes his day of judgement nigh: Day of wrath and vengeance stark,
Day of shadows and cloudy dark. King of kings and of lords most high.*

*Thunder shall rend that day apart, Wonder amaze each fearful heart. Anguish and pain and deep distress
Shall mark that day of bitterness. King of kings...*

*That day the pangs of lust will cease, Man's questing heart shall be at peace; Then shall the great no more
content And worldly fame be at an end. King of kings...*

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-28

Hymn 599 – Holy Spirit, hear us (Glenfinlas)

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn 465 – Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart (Slane)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession.

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we pray for the churches and people of **East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia and the Philippines**. In the Donside Christian Partnership of Churches Prayer Cycle, we pray for the congregation and community of St Machar's.

Minister: Lord in your mercy
Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

Offertory: The Lord bless you John Rutter (b.1945)
The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you: The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you And give you peace. Amen

Prayer

Hymn 162– The God of Abraham praise (Leoni)

Benediction

Music before the Service

Fantasia in G Minor

J.Pachelbel (1657-1706)

The organ music of the North German Baroque composer Johannes Pachelbel is extensive and varied. The Fantasia in G Minor is very much influenced by the Italian tradition of pieces based on dissonances and suspensions of composers such as Frescobaldi and Froberger. The opening of the piece is very slowly moving at all – and only gradually does the work begin to take a recognisable shape through its short and fragmented thematic 'cells'. In fact this is a movement of great emotional impact.

Music after the Service

Fuga in D Major

J.Pachelbel (1657-1706)

The cheerful and uncomplicated Fuga in D Major is one of those works in which the individuality of a composer virtually ceases to be important. The one theme on which this whole work is based – a well established formulaic theme - comprises a repeated interval of a fourth in descending patterns. The work is beautifully crafted and develops a great sense of momentum.

Today's Music

Today's anthem sets words attributed to St.Columba (521-597) amongst whose circle was St. Machar. The text is dark, concerned with the final day of judgement and outlining the difference between this worldly life and the world after death. This text inspired Benjamin Britten to a short but intense composition set in a dark key of d minor beginning with a low, rumbling pedal part. The striking opening phrase reflects this passage from darkness into light. The words drive the meaning of the music in this piece in a highly coloured manner, as, for example, the opening of the second verse, with the use of a fanfare motive on the organ. The duality of thought is picked up by the composer in an ending which alternates between the major and minor triads of D, ending with the disturbing neutral open fifth.

John Rutter's celebrated anthem is based on verse 24 from the book of Numbers. Effectively set in two 'verses', there is a wonderfully supportive organ part. The voices with their mix of unison and harmony always keep the setting alive. The way that the music fits the words is yet another example of how this composer links to the established cathedral tradition.

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If you would like a guided tour of the Cathedral, please feel free to get a cup of tea or coffee and then gather at the back of the church 10 minutes after the service ends.



St Machar's Cathedral Old Aberdeen

**11.00AM
Morning Worship**

Sunday 18th November 2018

**Conducted by Reverend Bill Smith
and Dr Amy Bender**

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.**

Evening Service 6.00pm

Tea and Coffee will be served after the evening service.
Everyone is very welcome.