

Plpeworks' 2017 feast of music celebrating the organ and its music takes its title from one of the most well known hymns of the sixteenth century. 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, giving us an opportunity to celebrate one of the most enduring gifts it made to musical culture.

The Saturday night concert in Christ Church Cathedral explores some of the most popular examples by Martin Luther himself, and in a variety of musical forms and settings from over four centuries. It centres around organ improvisations from gifted young Dutch organist Gerben Mourik, winner of many international awards including the coveted St Alban's International Improvisation Competition. Ireland's acclaimed chamber choir the Mornington Singers, under the direction of Orla Flanagan, will sing music showcasing the extraordinary influence of the chorale.

A feature of this concert will be its participatory nature, with the audience invited to join in the singing of some of the chorales, taking the role of the congregation in a traditional Lutheran service. Pipeworks is

offering a special discount for singers who would like to attend an afternoon introductory rehearsal followed by a pre-concert talk on Martin Luther and his legacy. The rehearsal will be taken by Orla Flanagan, who will also conduct the combined forces in the concert.

The pre-concert talk will be given by Fr Patrick Claffey, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Religions and Theology at Trinity College Dublin. Fr Claffey has a special interest in Martin Luther, the chorale, and its influence on western musical culture.

Here is a wonderful opportunity for

- members of church choirs and congregations
- students of history and theology
- members of chamber choirs and choral societies who enjoy a "big sing"
- anyone who would like an opportunity to sing in a choral setting regardless of previous experience

THE FORMAT OF THE AFTERNOON WILL BE:

15.30 Introduction & rehearsal

16.45 Tea

17.15-18.30 Rehearsal in cathedral

Break

19.30 Talk on Martin Luther and his legacy (Fr Patrick Claffey)

20.00 Concert

Please email adminpipeworks@gmail.com to sign up for this opportunity

The cost of the entire experience including rehearsals, refreshments, talk and concert, is €10 (a discount of €8 on full ticket price for the concert).





