



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 14 April, 2019

PALM SUNDAY

Sung Eucharist

with Junior Church and Upper Room Group

Please use this service sheet in conjunction with the Palm Sunday service booklet

WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

A very warm welcome to our services today.

Please join us for refreshments after the 10:30 service

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 161

(Winchester New)

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne,
awaits his own anointed Son.
5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

[H. H. Milman, 1791-1868]

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 163

(Sing Hosanna)

1. There's a man riding in on a donkey,
there's a man, and they say he's king!
And the palm leaves are waving a welcome
and the voices of the people sing:

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!*

2. Why a king riding in on a donkey?
Why a king wearing no fine crown?
Where the drums? Where the high-sounding cymbals
if a king is riding into town?

(Cont'd)

3. Hear the voice of the King on a donkey!
Hear the joy of the news he brings!
He is Jesus, the Son of the Highest.
He is Jesus and the King of kings!

[Paul Wigmore b.1925]

THE GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 147

(Love Unknown)

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| 1. My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? | 2. He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow, but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need, his life did spend. |
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3. Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

4. They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

5. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine:
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

[Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683]

COMMUNION MOTET

Hosanna to The Son of David - *Georg Philipp Telemann*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 181

(Passion Chorale)

1. O sacred head, surrounded
by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding head, so wounded,
so shamed and put to scorn!
Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee,
the glow of life decays;
yet angel-hosts adore thee,
and tremble as they gaze.

2. Thy comeliness and vigour
is withered up and gone,
and in thy wasted figure
I see death drawing on.
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesu, all grace supplying,
turn thou thy face on me.

3. In this thy bitter passion,
good shepherd, think of me
with thy most sweet compassion,
unworthy though I be:
beneath thy cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
in thy dear love confiding,
and with thy presence blest.

[Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676,
from a 14th-century Latin hymn
translated by Henry Williams Baker, 1821-1877]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 728

Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony,
the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.

*Oh, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty,
bow down and worship
for this is your God,
this is your God.*

Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice;
and as they crucify
prays: 'Father forgive.'

Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible;
love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity
stooping so tenderly
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.

[Graham Kendrick b. 1950]

Please take this service sheet and pew bulletin home with you
& please leave the service booklet when you leave. Thank you.

As a Kingdom People we are a church that seeks to:

- Worship God
- Welcome All
- Reach out to the world

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The Office is open for visitors on Monday - Friday between 11:00 & 13:00

PLEASE PRAY FOR

All those who are celebrating their wedding within the Pershore Benefice, those who are being baptised, those who are in need and those who have recently died.

We also pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs today or in the coming week.

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NOTICES AND EVENTS

MAUNDY MONEY 2019: Every year on Maundy Thursday Her Majesty the Queen presents Maundy Money to individuals who are thought to have made a significant contribution to the life of the church and community. Each diocesan bishop is invited to put names forward and amongst those whom Bishop John wished to nominate this year were The Revd Alma Organ and Dr Judy Dale. They have both done so much for the parish, benefice, and diocese over many years and we are delighted to share in their joy and excitement. We shall look forward to hearing how it all went after Easter but do watch the news as you might get a glimpse of them! *Claire*

FAIRTRADE EASTER EGGS: Traidcraft Easter eggs are now available. There is the REAL Easter egg with a booklet about Easter, some small eggs ideal for Easter egg hunts, and two flavoured eggs that look very tempting ! If you want a special egg, please look at the Traidcraft website, www.traidcraftshop.co.uk for the complete collection. Hurry or they may sell out. *Dora - Traidcraft Representative*

BELLS RING OUT TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY, THIS WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL FROM 11:30: In Yorkshire in 1989 a peal of "Hortons-Four" was first rung and now, 30 years later, a special peal has been arranged at St Andrew's to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this important bellringing achievement. It comprises of 10,000 changes (unique rows of bells) and will take nearly six hours to ring- during which time the ringers are not allowed to stop or rest! So, if you're in the vicinity of St Andrew's on the 16th, hopefully you'll hear the bells ringing for this momentous occasion, with bellringers from various parts of the country honouring one of their own for the contribution he's made to the ever-evolving art of church bell ringing. *For further information please contact either Kate Le Chevalier or Martin Whiteley*

CYCLONE IDAI DEC APPEAL: Thank you to everyone who contributed to this appeal last Sunday. Collection plates will be available for this Sunday too. You may also be interested to pick up a copy of an account of what it was like to be in the midst of Cyclone Idai, which a very good friend of John and Jean Andrews has shared. These are at the back of church. *Claire*

ECO CHURCH INFORMATION EVENING: If you'd like to find out more about Eco Church, the scheme which helps churches care for creation in all aspects of church life, come along to St Andrew's on Tuesday the 30th of April. There will be refreshments from 19:00 and opening prayers at 19:15, followed by a presentation to explain the scheme and a chance to ask people who have been involved, about their experiences. *Helen Oldham*

ST ANDREW'S IS NEARLY BACK TO NORMAL: If you've been into St Andrew's recently you will know that it has had several challenges. A straightforward job to replace a faulty outside light fitting over the back door was followed by serious problems associated with the gas cooker installation - the cooker itself was fine but the supply pipework wasn't and the cooker had to be disconnected. That has now been corrected and we now have a working, safe, cooker once more.

While investigating the cooker installation issues we found that the Xpelair not only didn't work, when it did, it would only bring air in and it wouldn't extract at all.

Then the boiler failed ! The problem was identified as a faulty flue which had to be completely replaced.

We thank all those organisations who have been affected and not been able to operate as they normally would. Fingers crossed that's the end of our problems this year !

This week we were also given a digital piano from Caroline and Rob Robjohns, which looks great in St Andrew's and will be a useful resource for anyone who wants music during their booking. *Robin Hancox - St Andrew's Management Committee*

ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY? The new pew cushions have been delivered! It is through a generous legacy from the late Doreen and Thomas Lougher that we have been able to purchase the cushions which will make a huge difference to everyone's comfort levels during services and concerts. Thank you. *Claire*

CAN YOU HELP DELIVER SOME LEAFLETS? We would like to put a Churches Together leaflet through the door of every house on the new housing estates in Pershore before Easter. Many hands will make this an easy task so if you have some time to spare and would like to help could you please get in touch with me as soon as possible. Thank you. *Claire*

ABBEY MISSION GIVING: It has been decided that the charities to be supported this year will be the same three as last year to reinforce the work we had enabled; these are Citizens Advice (funding a weekly advisor at Pershore Food Bank), Christians Against Poverty and Berega Hospital in Morogoro, Tanzania. We will continue to be a mission partner to Susan Essam in Joss, Nigeria. Please support the effectiveness of our Mission giving by committing to pray for lives to be changed by all four. Mission Sunday is 13th October. *Sarah Thomson*

YOU ARE INVITED: "I would like to invite you to Building Bridges not Walls at the Old Palace on Wednesday 5th June 19:30 to 21:30. This evening is organised by the Magdeburg partnership group, which supports our relationship with the Evangelical Church in Central Germany. We will hear stories from the partnership and reflections upon it, have an opportunity to share good practice in partnership visits, and enjoy some light refreshments. It will begin and end with worship. Please come and bring people from your parish who are or might be interested. For catering purposes, please email Alex Christison to let us know: alex@alexchristison.f9.co.uk

Our three diocesan partnerships, Morogoro, Peru and Magdeburg, greatly enrich the life of our diocese. This is an opportunity to strengthen one of those links, and you are most welcome to take part." *Robert Jones Archdeacon of Worcester* . If you would like to go please contact Claire as there is a group going.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

FANCY PLAYING A DAWN CHORUS? Once again there will be gentle musical accompaniment at the Easter morning Dawn Eucharist, which starts at 0600. If you would like to play an instrument for three simple hymns please contact Jayne Parker who is coordinating the music for this service

EASTER SERVICES: Our Easter Service cards are available at the back of the Abbey giving full details of all our services across the Pershore Benefice. Please help yourselves.

EASTER LILIES: If you wish to donate an offering towards the cost of the lilies to decorate the Abbey this Easter please put your gift in a marked envelope which will be available in the Abbey. If your donation is in memory of a loved one and you would like that person's name displayed in the Abbey please let us have the name to be remembered and we will include it on the list to be framed and on show in the Abbey over the Easter period. Thank you. *Liz Gill*.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: There are sign up sheets at the back of church for for readers etc for the services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. If you want to know more please get in touch with me. Thank you. *Claire*

LENTEN LUNCHES THANKS: A huge thank you to all of you who made delicious soups for the lunches. The varieties you provided were amazing and appreciated by all our hard working helpers. You coped in extremely difficult conditions by bringing in slow cookers and microwaves, enabling the Abbey and visiting churches to serve hot soup to everyone. Special thanks to Jane Knox who 'rallied the extra troops' needed, at short notice, to manage the no-cooker situation and to support the visiting chefs and their helpers from Churches Together. We should be very proud of ourselves. *Julie Newman PASA*

NEWS FROM JAPAN: Edward Hird, who recently moved to live with his family in Japan following the death of his wife Madeleine, has been in touch. He writes: "I am being well looked after by my lovely family. I go with the girls and Eriko in the car in the morning to take them to school and collect them in the afternoon. The weather I am pleased to report has been good, sunny and warm so far. Please pass on my best wishes to my friends at the Abbey." Good news indeed! *Claire*

NEW ASSISTANT CURATE: Revd Steve Dunton will be coming to the Pershore Benefice to serve his curacy with us and will be ordained priest in Worcester Cathedral on 22nd June. We look forward to welcoming Steve, his wife Hannah, and two of their children, Will and James. Steve and his family are very much looking forward to coming and serving alongside us. *Claire*

SUNDAY BREAKFAST - all welcome in St Andrews after 08:00 service on April 28th.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12 - 19 MAY



The money raised will be used to reduce maternity deaths in Sierra Leone, where risks are 150 times that in the UK. Two of the many projects funded from last year's giving helped improve cooking stoves and justice for sufferers of domestic violence. Please spare an hour or two to further this valuable work.

Lunch with other concerned people 55 Bridge Street 12:30 Saturday 27th April

Licensed street collection on Pershore High Street - Saturday 11th May
09:30 - 15:50ish, 1 hour slots

House to house collections in a nearby street

If interested please talk to Margaret Goodrich, Sarah Thomson, Helen Oldham or David Oldham in church

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FOODBANK NEWS: Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated, demand in the Foodbank has increased by a third since Christmas.

I thought that you might like to know that we received from the BBC the fee for Toyah Wilcox appearing on Celebrity Mastermind just before Christmas. Last year we received a grant from ASDA via the Trussell Trust to have a Citizen Advice presence in the Foodbank every Friday afternoon. We are delighted to announce that we have used the money from the BBC to extend this project for the remainder of the year. We currently would like EASTER EGGS, Tinned meats e.g. stew, UHT milk, soap and deodorant. *Lynne Raymer*

CARNIVAL 2019: Calling all fairytale characters! Carnival time will soon be upon us all once again, therefore if you are free on May 27th (May Bank Holiday) and would like to join a walking float made up from the Abbey Congregation for a lot of laughs, please contact either Beth or Eloise Seale or the Abbey Office. They have a great idea for our float. The Vicar and Churchwardens will of course be taking part!

You are warmly invited to come along to Pershore Benefice
Events and Services during Holy Week



Come Worship With Us!

All events and services at the Abbey
unless otherwise stated

MONDAY & TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, 15th & 16th April

1900 Reflections and Meditation followed by Compline.
The service will last approximately an hour.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, 17th April

1830 Passover Supper at St Andrew's Centre This event will be by ticket only,
£7.00 each and £4.00 for children under eight.
Tickets available from Churchwardens.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 18th April

Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altars and the Office of
Tenebrae, which will last approximately one and three quarter hours.
This will be followed by the Watch until Midnight. You are welcome to
leave after the Office of Tenebrae.

GOOD FRIDAY, 19th April

1000-1415 Children's activities at St Andrew's Centre (booking is essential —
please contact Suzanne Clarke 01386 553293)

1015 Meet at Pershore Baptist Church for Churches Together in Pershore Walk
of Witness to Chapman Court which is followed by a short service at 1030.

1400 Service of the Last Hour.

1500 Bredon Hill Service at the Folly.
(Some people meet at Woollas Hall at 1330)

HOLY SATURDAY, 20th April

1700 Evening Prayer with Short Easter Vigil
This service will last approximately one hour.

For Easter Day services please see diary overleaf.

ABBHEY & BENEFICE DIARY

(A) Abbey, (B) Birlingham, (P) Pinvin, (W) Wick, (St A) St Andrew's,
(St A U) St Andrew's Upper Room (V) New Vicarage, (CTIP) Churches Together in Pershore

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TAKE PLACE EVERY MONDAY TO SATURDAY IN THE ABBEY

08:00 Silent Prayer

08:30 Matins and Eucharist

17:00 Evening Prayer

Everyone is very welcome to attend these services

SERVICES AT THE ABBEY TODAY SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2019

PALM SUNDAY

08:00 Eucharist

10:00 Palm Sunday Procession will meet at the crossroads
of Abbey Road & St Andrew's Road

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Junior Church & Upper Room Group

15:00 St George's Day Service

17:00 Wholeness and Healing

Monday 15 April

11:00 Chrism Eucharist Worcester Cathedral

14:00 Interment of ashes Lilian Carson (A)

18:30 Weight Watchers (St A)

19:00 Compline (A)

19:30 Bells (A)

Tuesday 16 April

10:00 Meditation Group (Holy Redeemer)

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

11:30 Long length peal Record Attempt (St A)

19:00 Compline (A)

19:30 Abbey Women's Fellowship (St A)

Wednesday 17 April

11:00 Eucharist (Heathlands)

15:00 Burial Service for the late Queenie Olden
at St James' Church (B)

18:30 Passover Supper (St A)

18:00 Bells to be muffled for Easter (A)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A U)

Thu 18 April - Maundy Thursday

09:15 Weight Watchers (St A)

09:30 Vicar & Wardens' Meeting (St A U)

10:30 Meeting RB (A)

13:15 Art Club with Becca (St A U)

18:00 Set up for Good Friday Activities (St A)

20:00 Eucharist of the Last Supper with foot washing,
stripping of the Altar, Tenebrae and Watch (A)

Fri 19 April - Good Friday

09:30 Children's Easter Activity Day (St A)

11:00 Eucharist (A)

14:00 Service of the Last Hour (A)

18:00 Choir Practice (A)

Saturday 20 April

17:00 Evening Prayer with Vigil Readings (A)

Sunday 21 April

09:00 Parish Communion at St Mary's Church (W)

10:30 Holy Communion at St James's Church (B)

10:30 Holy Communion at St Nicholas' Church (P)

& services as listed in the box below at the Abbey

SERVICES AT THE ABBEY NEXT SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2019

EASTER DAY

06:00 Dawn Eucharist (followed by breakfast in St Andrew's - please bring an egg cup!)

08:00 Eucharist

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Laying on of Hands

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism - Izabella Bennett