



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 5 May 2019

EASTER 3 /GODPARENTS' SUNDAY

SUNG EUCHARIST

Please use this service sheet in conjunction with the yellow 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 199

(Truro)

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.
3. In every insult, rift and war,
Where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.
4. Women and men, in age and youth,
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
And find the way, the life, the truth,
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

[Brian A. Wren, b.1936]

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Acts 9:1-6

A reading from the The Acts of the Apostles

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from the Revelation to St John the Divine

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 203

(Vulpius)

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| 1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King.
To the world glad news we bring:
<i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i> | 3. Praise we in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high |
| 2. The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
bring flowers of song to strew his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say | 4. Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing to-day with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: |

[Cyril A Alington, 1872-1955]

THE GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia.

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 215

See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for he lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping: 'Where is he laid?
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till he appears,
For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit, who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with him,
For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

[Stuart Townsend b.1963 and Keith Getty b.1974]

COMMUNION MOTET:

Christ the Lord

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 212

(Noel Nouvelet)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

(Cont'd)

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can us back to life again;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

[John Macleod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 211

(Christchurch)

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| <p>1. Now is eternal life,
If ris'n with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And held within his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.</p> <p>2. Man long in bondage lay,
Brooding o'er life's brief span;
Was it, O God, for naught,
For naught, thou madest man?
Thou art our hope, our vital breath;
Shall hope undying end in death?</p> | <p>3. And God, the living God,
Stooped down to man's estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.</p> <p>4. Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
My life is hid in God with thee,
Now and through all eternity.</p> |
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[G. W. Briggs, 1875-1959]

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

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 05 MAY 2019

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

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR IN THE ABBEY THIS WEEK ARE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE JIM BROWN and have been donated by his widow, Maggie.

CHORAL EVENSONG TONIGHT 5 MAY AT 17:00: We would be delighted to see you swell our congregation once again for this beautiful evening service.

THE ABBEY & BENEFICE OFFICE will be closed all day on Bank Holiday Monday and on Wednesday 8 May. We will be operating on reduced hours for the remainder of the week, but will be open between 11:00 - 13:00. We apologise for any inconvenience. Please may we have any bulletin notices by 09:30 on Thursday as we will be printing early. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:

Please volunteer on the sign up sheet at the back of the church for :-

- a) Pershore High Street collection Saturday 11th May
- b) Donations of home produce, BOOKS and plants for the coffee morning on Saturday 11th May. There is a box for book donations at the back of the Abbey.
- c) House to house envelope collection Sunday 12th May - Saturday 18th May.

Thank you. *David Oldham*

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING: Saturday 11th May at St Andrew's Centre between 10:00 & 12:00. Refreshments plus second hand books, home produce & plants. (Any donations of books, home produce and plants would be appreciated.) *Sarah Thomson*



COFFEE MORNING WITH PLANT AND CAKE SALES at St Mary's Wick on Saturday 11th May from 10:30 to 12:00. Proceeds in aid of St Mary's and Wick Gardening Club, all very welcome. *Martin Williams*

19TH MAY AT 10:30 A SERVICE OF BLESSING FOR SHEEP & FIELDS followed by refreshments at Orchard Farm, Pinvin WR10 2EX. Everyone welcome. *Hilary Roffey*

HOUSE GROUPS: The board is at the back of the Abbey if you would like to sign up for the next round of house groups. This time we will be looking at The Bible. Please see individual sheets for more details. Can you help with hosting Angela's group? Ideally it will be somewhere that can accommodate more than 8. Thank you. *Claire*

VISITORS FROM SALZWEDEL: We are very much looking forward to welcoming our friends from Salzwedel for a visit from 29th May - 3rd June. Some of the group are flying and some are driving! They will all be at the Sung Eucharist on 2nd June. The organising group may need some help with hospitality, transport etc. so watch this space for more details. Thank you. *Claire*

DELIVERY NEEDS: Part of our ministry action is the distribution of *Abbey Link* to almost every house in the Benefice, but we need help once every 3 months delivering to some of the new housing developments. Please offer for this light exercise to Roger Piper who will assign some addresses. Thank you. *Colin Reeves*

PERSHORE CARNIVAL REFRESHMENTS IN ST ANDREW'S CENTRE We would welcome as many volunteers as possible on 27th May, (Bank Holiday Monday) to help serve refreshments in St Andrew's for a two hour slot. We would also be grateful for any cakes, or, if you prefer not to bake a donation would be much appreciated. Sign up sheets are available at the back of the Abbey after the morning service or contact Olive Hall or Julie Newman. Thank you.

If anyone has any garden furniture we could borrow for Carnival Day refreshments in St Andrew's garden area please let us know. Julie and Olive.

ABBAY & 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 5 MAY 2019 EASTER 3 / GODPARENTS' SUNDAY

08:00 Eucharist

10:30 Sung Eucharist

17:00 Choral Evensong

Sunday 5 May

16:00 Interment of Ashes of the late
Deborah Smith (A grounds)

14:00 Bells (A)

18:00 Choir Practice (A)

19:00 Guitar Class (St A)

Monday 6 May - Bank Holiday

Abbey Office closed

10:30 Bells (St A)

18:30 Weight Watchers (St A)

19:30 Bells (A)

Friday 10 May

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (St A)

11:00 Eucharist (A)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

14:30 Organ Practice-MP (A)

Tuesday 7 May

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

15:00 Fundraising Steering Group (St A U)

19:00 Abbey PCC Meeting (St A U)

Saturday 11 May

All day Christian Aid street collection

10:00 Christian Aid Coffee Morning (St A)

10:00 Set up for concert (A)

10:30 Coffee Morning at St Mary's, Wick

16:00 Concert organisers use (St A)

19:30 Pershore Choral Concert (A)

Wednesday 8 May

Abbey Office closed

11:00 Eucharist (Heathlands)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A)

Sunday 12 May

17:30 Youth Group led by Suzanne Clarke (St A)

Thursday 9 May

09:00 Weight Watchers (St A)

09:30 Benefice Churchwardens' Meeting (V)

SERVICES AT THE ABBEY NEXT SUNDAY 12 MAY 2019 EASTER 4

08:00 Eucharist

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

17:00 Wholeness and Healing