



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 12 May 2019

EASTER 4 / VOCATIONS SUNDAY

SUNG EUCHARIST

with Junior Church and Upper Room Group

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 612

(Guiting Power)

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| <p>1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

<i>Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.</i></p> <p>2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:</p> | <p>3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:</p> <p>4. Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:</p> <p>5. So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:</p> |
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[Michael Saward b. 1932]

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

A reading from the The Acts of the Apostles

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the

request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from the Revelation to St John the Divine

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 798

(Surrey)

1. The Lord my pasture shall prepare,
and feed me with a shepherd's care;
his presence shall my wants supply,
and guard me with a watchful eye;
my noonday walks he shall attend,
and all my midnight hours defend.
2. When in the sultry glebe I faint,
or on the thirsty mountain pant,
to fertile vales and dewy meads
my weary wandering steps he leads,
where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,
amid the verdant landscape flow.

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3. Though in a bare and rugged way
through devious lonely wilds I stray,
thy bounty shall my pains beguile;
the barren wilderness shall smile
with sudden greens and herbage crowned,
and streams shall murmur all around.

4. Though in the paths of death I tread,
with gloomy horrors overspread,
my steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
for thou, O Lord, art with me still:
thy friendly staff shall give me aid,
and guide me through the dreadful shade.

[Joseph Addison, 1672-1719]
based on Psalm 23

THE GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 698

(Gwalchmai)

1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

[George Herbert, 1593-1633]

COMMUNION MOTET:

Cantate Domino - *Pitoni*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 192

(Nun Lasst Uns)

1. A brighter dawn is breaking,
and earth with praise is waking;
for thou, O King most highest,
the power of death defiest.

3. O free the world from blindness,
and fill the world with kindness,
give sinners resurrection,
bring striving to perfection.

2. And thou hast come victorious,
with risen body glorious,
who now for ever livest,
and life abundant givest.

4. In sickness give us healing,
in doubt thy clear revealing,
that praise to thee be given
in earth as in thy Heaven.

[Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 800

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

[Stuart Townend, b. 1963]
based on Psalm 23

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 12 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.

NOTICES AND EVENTS

HELP AT BAPTISMS: Baptisms are an important part of our Christian Journey both for the one being baptized and also their family and friends. We need helpers to steward at our Baptism services, which usually take place on one Sunday afternoon each month. This involves helping to get ready for the service and supporting the priest and family during it. This is a lovely way to show our Christian welcome to new members of the church. If you feel you can help with this please speak to Suzanne Clarke or Bill Newman who will be only too happy to explain more about what is involved.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: We were all saddened to hear of the death of Canon John Champion and Deryck Kearney.

The Funeral of the late Canon John Champion will take place on Tuesday, 14 May at 14:00. The Funeral of the late Deryck Kearney will take place at the Abbey on Monday, 20 May at 16:00.

AN IONA EVENING: On Tuesday 14 May at 1900 until 2100-2130, some Iona friends from the West Midlands Area will be joining us for a short walking pilgrimage in, and around, the Abbey, followed by singing and light refreshments. You are welcome to join us. Tel. contact for information: Pauline Greenwood.

EPIPHANY FLEXTENSION: The final session of the Epiphany Bible Study on 27th Feb. had to be postponed because of the indisposition of our hostess. This will now take place on Wednesday 15 May at 11:00, followed by a shared lunch. *Philip Hughes*

SATURDAY 18 MAY, ST MARY'S, WICK: The Prayer Book Society are holding a Sung Evensong at 14:30. Everybody welcome. *Leonard Burn*

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*

CTIP WALK SUNDAY 19 MAY: There is a 'Churches Together in Pershore' walk, starting 14:15 at the car park by Pershore Bridge, near Pershore College, Grid Ref 952451. Although stout shoes are recommended, the circular walk of 3 gentle miles involves no stiles and goes through the lovely village of Pensham. The walk will be led by Heather Greenhalgh and David Oldham. Everyone welcome including dogs. Unfortunately not all gates are suitable for motorised scooters. The aim is gentle exercise where members of the different churches can get to know each other a little better. *David Oldham*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: A great big thank you for all who helped with the street collection, coffee morning, produce to sell on Saturday 11th May, as well as those who came to support it. Those able to help with Christian Aid house to house collection this week, please see Margaret Goodrich or David Oldham to collect your badge and envelopes at the back of the church after the service. More collectors most welcome, it is worth collecting from half a dozen houses in an area that you are happy to. *David Oldham*

A THANK YOU FROM MIKE PEGG: My heartfelt and sincere thanks for the magnificent 'Send Off' that you all gave to me on Easter Sunday on the occasion of my stepping down from the post of Director of Music after seventeen years at the Abbey. I was very moved by the generosity of your gifts, the number of you who took the time to talk to me after the service, the congregational singing (brilliant), the choir singing (superb), the photos, the cards and of course the cake! Both Laurel and I were completely overwhelmed by your kindness, care, fellowship and friendship and we look forward to seeing you all from time to time at the Abbey. *Mike*

WELCOME TO THE REVD STEVE DUNTON: Just to remind everyone that Steve will be ordained priest in Worcester Cathedral at 1400 on 22nd June. It would be wonderful if there were as many people from the benefice as possible to support him, and Hannah and all the family, on this really important day. Everyone is invited to join Steve and his family for tea and cake afterwards, which will be hosted at my home from 1700-1900. Please feel free to drop in for just a few minutes or stay awhile. Thanks. *Claire*

WORCESTER DIOCESE ROLE FOR PERSHORE ABBEY TREASURER: Pershore Abbey's very own Treasurer, Helen Archer-Smith, has been appointed as the new Director of Finance for the Diocese of Worcester. In this role, Helen will lead the finance team responsible for looking after and accounting for the finances of the Diocesan Board of Finance. Helen will

continue as Pershore Abbey's Treasurer, bringing an understanding of the challenges faced by parishes to her new role. We all wish her luck in her new position. *Claire*

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 29 May - 3 June. Some of the group are flying and some are driving! They will all be at the Sung Eucharist on 2 June. The organising group may need some help with hospitality, transport etc. so watch this space for 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 on 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 27 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 (contact details above)

THY KINGDOM COME 2019: This is a global prayer movement, started by our Archbishops, inviting Christians to pray during the nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. This year's dates are 30th May - 9th June. As part of Pershore Deanery's contribution to this movement why not think about coming along to the daily morning and evening services at the Abbey for these nine days? We are fortunate that daily services happen at the Abbey, which joins our prayer with millions around the world. Why not come along and join this global prayer movement! *Claire*

THY KINGDOM COME DIOCESAN EVENTS SUNDAY 9 JUNE



Alive: Worcestershire 15:00-17:00 (Doors open 14:15): Families in Worcestershire are getting their own event this year with a worship concert at Worcester Arena! Alive: Worcestershire is a fun, high energy concert which will be led by iSingPop and Shell Perris with a special guest appearance from Rob Parsons. Tickets: £4 (0-3s free) Family ticket: £15 Tickets are available from 01905 544444 or www.ticketline.co.uk/alive-Worcestershire.



Thy Kingdom Come in Worcester 19:30-21:00 (Doors open 18:45): Following the Alive concert, Christians from across Worcestershire will be gathering at Worcester Arena from 19.30pm to praise God and pray for more people to come to faith. All are welcome to come along to worship together and to hear guest speaker, evangelist Canon J John. We hope the arena will be packed out with all those who love God, whatever their denomination! No ticket required - just come and join us!

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 12 MAY 2019

EASTER 4 / VOCATIONS SUNDAY

08:00 Eucharist

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

17:00 Wholeness and Healing

Monday 13 May

09:15 Musical Explorers (St A)

10:30 Bells (St A)

14:00 Pershore U3A History Group (St A)

18:30 Weight Watchers (St A)

19:30 Bells (St A)

Tuesday 14 May

10:30 Bells (St A)

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

14:00 Funeral Service of the late
Canon John Champion (A)

14:00 Funeral Wake (St A)

18:00 West Midlands Associate
Iona Group Meeting (A)

Wednesday 15 May

11:30 Lunch Club - Enquiries 554299 (St A)

12:00 Funeral of the late Betty Brown (A)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A) Main Hall

Thursday 16 May

09:00 Weight Watchers

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

17:30 Wedding Rehearsal (A)

Sam Daffin & Stacey Allchurch

18:00 Choir Practice (A) 1800

18:30 Blessing Rehearsal (A)

Bruce and Bailey Crane

19:00 Guitar Class (St A)

Friday 17 May

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (St A)

11:00 Eucharist (A)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

13:00 Wedding Blessing (A)

Bruce Crane & Bailey Crane

20:00 Lets Dance (St A)

19:30 Bells (St A)

Sat 18 May 2019

09:30 Marriage Preparation (St A)

13:00 Wedding Service (A)

Sam Daffin & Stacey Allchurch

Sunday 19 May

10:00 Private Booking (St A)

10:30 Sheep Sunday Service (St Nicholas', Pinvin)

14:15 CTiP Walk

SERVICES AT THE ABBEY NEXT SUNDAY 19 MAY 2019

EASTER 5

08:00 Eucharist

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Laying on of Hands

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism - *Harry Jones, Arlo Williams*