



# **THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS PERSHORE**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

## **Wholeness and Healing**

*The all-important aim in Christian healing is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but the reality in our lives which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are.*

### **Welcome and Introduction**

We worship together in the name of God

**Who knows each of us by name**

We worship together in the name of Christ

**Whose touch brought healing for forgotten people**

We worship together in the name of the Holy Spirit

**Who has promised to stay with us, to sustain and restore us.**

#### **Prayers of Penitence:**

Jesus said, *'Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.'*

Let us accept His invitation as we turn to him in prayer:

**You know us, Lord, we do not have to pretend with you.**

**In the silence of your love, we bring you all the things that trouble us,  
that harm us, that make us feel ashamed or afraid.**

*Silence*

Lord, have mercy on us      **Christ, have mercy on us**      Lord, have mercy on us

God of compassion, you know us inside out, yet you love us; you know the worst in us and the best in us. May your deep love drown all our failings, may your tears wash away our sin; may your living water well up in us and renew our spirit. As we are forgiven so may we forgive others and reach out to be reconciled in your love. In the power of your Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus. Amen

## Hymn

(tune: Slane)

Come, wounded Healer, your sufferings reveal –  
the scars you accepted, our anguish to heal.  
Your wounds bring such comfort in body and soul  
to all who bear torment and yearn to be whole.

Come, hated Lover, and gather us near,  
your welcome, your teaching, your challenge to hear:  
where scorn and abuse cause rejection and pain,  
your loving acceptance makes hope live again!

Come, broken Victor, condemned to a cross –  
how great are the treasures we gain from your loss!  
Your willing agreement to share in our strife  
transforms our despair into fullness of life.

(Martin Leckebusch b.1962)

## Liturgy of the Word

### A Reading from I Kings 17 : 17-24

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, 'What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!' But he said to her, 'Give me your son.' He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the LORD, 'O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?' Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, 'O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again.' The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, 'See, your son is alive.' So the woman said to Elijah, 'Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.'

**For the word of the Lord - Thanks be to God**

### A Reading from Mark 5 : 35-end

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader

of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**For the word of the Lord - Thanks be to God**

### Hymn

(Donald Fishel b.1950)

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and is risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever.

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
'Life for us all, alleluia!'

Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

(arr. Andrew Moore)

## Litany of Healing

*Giving thanks for any healing we or others have received strengthens everyone's faith and hope:*

Loving God, we give you thanks for health restored and prayers answered.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*And now we turn to God in prayer for all those ongoing situations:*

God of compassion and love, we offer you all our suffering and pain. Give us strength to bear our weakness; healing even when there is no cure; peace in the midst of turmoil and love to fill the spaces in our lives.

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer pain and ill-health, with their families, friends and those who care for them:

**May they know the deep peace of Christ**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer in mind and spirit and all those who care for them:

**May they know the deep peace of Christ**

Loving God, we hold in your presence the suffering people of the world and the places where people are experiencing division, injustice and violence:

**May they know the deep peace of Christ**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those struggling to overcome abuse or addiction, those supporting and working with them, and all whose suffering has distanced them from those they love:

**May they know the deep peace of Christ**

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those facing bereavement and we also pray for those who have died:

**May they know the deep peace of Christ**

*We pray for all those known to us who have asked for our prayers:*

**Lord, you know the needs of each one of us, our strengths and our weaknesses, our hopes and disappointments. We commend to your loving care all those we now name in our hearts and who have asked for our prayers. Guard them as the apple of your eye, hide them under the shadow of your wings. Show them your merciful love, in health or in sickness, in life or in death. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick;  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

### **Hymn**

(Patrick Appleford)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
You are one with us, Mary's Son –  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
Pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus our love for you we sing, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
Born as one of us, Mary's Son –  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free;  
Living Lord Jesus, help us see you are Lord.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I would come to you,  
Live my life for you, Son of God;  
All your commands I know are true;  
Your many gifts will make me new;  
Into my life your power breaks through, living Lord.

## The Thanksgiving

**God of all goodness, we thank you for helping us so far through this crisis,  
for holding us through tears and sorrow, for lifting us when we were down.  
God of all wisdom, we thank you for all that we are learning and discovering,  
about ourselves, our neighbours, our communities through these  
uncertain times.**

**God of all creation, we thank you for the fertility of the natural world,  
for the possibility of new growth and new life,  
and we pray that you will help us to live in a way that is sustainable  
and respects the life of every individual. Amen**

### Hymn

(Tune:(Duke Street – John L Hatton)

Now the green blade rises, from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth many days 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 by hatred slain,  
thinking that never would he wake again  
laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
quick 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,  
your touch can call 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.*

# The Blessing

God of compassion, we bring to you our grieving:  
bless us with your healing love.

God of wisdom, we bring to you our learning:  
bless us with the energy of change.

God of new beginnings, we bring to you our future;  
bless us with your vision of eternal life.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us now and forever.

Let us go out into the world in the joy and peace of Christ.      **Thanks be to God.**