



# Sunday Praise

PERSHORE ABBEY

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James the Apostle

## SERVICE SHEET

Please use this service sheet as an aid to worship in church and take it home with you when you leave. A copy of the weekly bulletin is available to view on our website.

Following a review of Covid arrangements, you can join in singing the hymns but we ask that you wear a mask and sing quietly.

This service will be recorded and available to view on our YouTube channel

### Welcome and Introduction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

**And also with you.**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Hymn**

**A&M 296**

***(Sine Nomine)***

*'Alleluia' is sung twice at the end of each verse*

For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. *Alleluia.*

*(Cont.)*

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light. *Alleluia.*

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. *Alleluia.*

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia.*

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Alleluia.*

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. *Alleluia.*

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
the King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluia.*

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost *Alleluia.*

[William Walshaw How (1823-1867)]

## Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,  
in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we  
have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Collect

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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**

## Hymn

**A&M 696**

**(Wareham)**

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy-seat;  
where'er they seek thee thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.

*(Cont.)*

For thou, within no walls confined,  
inhabitest the humble mind;  
such ever bring thee when they come,  
and, going, take thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
thy former mercies here renew;  
here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
the sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

[William Cowper (1731-1800)]

## **The Gospel                  Matthew 20:20-28**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Reflection**

### **Declaration of Faith**

*We say together*

**We believe in God the Father,  
who created everything in heaven and on earth.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with His love**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you**

### **We offer God our Prayers and Thanks**

*At the end of each prayer when you hear 'Lord in your mercy', please respond '**hear our prayer**'*

*We end by saying together The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*O when the saints go marching in,  
O when the saints go marching in  
Lord I want to be in that number  
when the saints go marching in.*

I want to join that heav'nly band  
I want to join that heav'nly band  
I want to hear the trumpets blowing  
when the saints go marching in.

*O when the saints go marching in .....*

I want to see that big white gate  
I want to see that big white gate  
I want to see those doors swing open  
when the saints go marching in.

*O when the saints go marching in .....*

O when the band begins to play  
O when the band begins to play  
I want to be there in their number  
when the band begins to play.

***Halleluja***, when the saints go marching in  
*O when the saints go marching in  
I want to be there in their number  
when the saints – go – marching - in.*

[Traditional]

## **Thanksgiving and Blessing**

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey. Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today. Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Go in the joy and peace of Christ  
**Thanks be to God.**

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