



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 18 June, 2017

The First Sunday after Trinity

SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship, Order One

with Junior Church

WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

*A very warm welcome to our services today,
please join us after the 1030 service for refreshments.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 630

(Abbot's Leigh)

1. Father, Lord of all creation,
Ground of being, life and love;
Height and depth beyond description
Only life in you can prove:
You are mortal life's dependence:
Thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
Yours is every hour's existence,
Sovereign Lord of time and space.
2. Jesus Christ, the Man for others,
We, your people, make our prayer:
Help us love - as sisters, brothers -
All whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
You, Lord Christ, will surely be;
Where no selfishness can sever
There your love the world may see.
3. Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
Wind and flame of Pentecost,
Fire our hearts afresh with yearning
To regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
Never more to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

[Stewart Cross, 1928-1989]

THE COLLECT

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Exodus 19:2-8a

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.' So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 246

(All for Jesus)

1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
In the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
Through your promised light alone.
2. Holy Spirit, come, console us,
Come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Spirit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.
3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live,
Holy through your loving presence,
Holy through the gifts you give.
4. Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
You the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Alleluia, alleluia. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 751

(*Cornwall*)

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| 1. O love divine, how sweet thou art!
when shall I find my longing heart
all taken up by thee?
I thirst, I faint and die to prove
the greatness of redeeming love,
the love of Christ to me. | 3. For ever would I take my seat
with Mary at the Master's feet:
be this my happy choice;
my only care, delight, and bliss,
my joy, my heaven on earth, be this,
to hear the Bridegroom's voice. |
| 2. Stronger his love than death or hell;
its riches are unsearchable:
the first-born sons of light
desire in vain its depth to see;
they cannot reach the mystery,
the length and breadth and height. | 4. Thy only love do I require,
nothing on earth beneath desire,
nothing in heaven above:
let earth and heaven, all things go,
give me thine only love to know,
give me thine only love. |

[Charles Wesley, 1707-1788]

COMMUNION MOTET

God Be In My Head - *Rutter*

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 249

1. Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
in each thought and deed and attitude:
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
2. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth;
Cause your church to hunger for your ways.
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

[Keith Getty, b. 1974
and Stuart Townend, b. 1963]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 546

(How Great Thou Art)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee,
'How great thou art, how great thou art!'*

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'How great thou art, how great thou art!'*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
he gave his life - I scarce can take it in:
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

[Russian hymn, tr. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989]

PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE SHEET & PEW BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU.

PLEASE LEAVE THE SERVICE BOOKLET WHEN YOU LEAVE.

PERSHORE ABBEY BULLETIN & DIARY - SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2017

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

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

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Monday - Friday from 1100 to 1300 only

Notices for next Bulletin no later than Thursday at 1200 noon please.

NOTICES AND EVENTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

BAPTISM: Alexander Peter John Moreton, James Brian Newbury,
Gruffydd Stanley Thomson (Griff) (Abbey 18.06.2017)

WEDDINGS: Steve Knight and Katherine Gullick, Kevin Smith and Jodie Pomeroy
(Abbey 24.6.2017)

THOSE IN NEED: Maureen Read, Anne, Sheila Grantham, Noel Blakeborough,
John Champion, Matthew Baynes, Christopher Kimberley

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Inez Williams, Terence Lambert, Anna Browne, (*Wick*)
Robert Walker (Bob), Gillian Stephenson, John Crouch, David Williams (*Birlingham*)

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OCCURS TODAY OR IN
THE COMING WEEK: Marion Cosnett, Effie Palfrey

The flowers in the Abbey this week have been donated in loving memory of Bronwyn Hughlock whose birthday was 21 June.



QUARTERLY ROTAS are now available for July, August and September in the letter rack.

ORION'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Orion will be priested by Bishop John at 1400 at Worcester Cathedral on Saturday 24 June. It would be lovely if there were lots of supporters from Pershore Benefice there. If you would like a lift please let the Office know. Orion will preside at the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 25 June after which drinks and cakes will be served in the Church. Please remember Orion, Sharon, Joan and Audrey in your prayers at this important time. *Claire*

JAMES MARTIN: We are really pleased to welcome James Martin (Sarah Martin's son) to the Pershore Benefice for the coming week. James is currently training to be a Baptist minister and as part of his training he is required to experience the leadership of a different denomination, so he will be sharing in what we do in the Anglican Church to see how it compares with the Baptist Church. Please do make him welcome. Thank you. *Claire*

PLAINCHANT GROUP MEETING DATES: The plainchant group is not meeting on the 23 June. We will meet again at 1900 on the 30 June. *Orion*

SINGERS NEEDED FOR TWO WEDDINGS ON 24 JUNE PLEASE - We need additional singers to join the choir for two weddings on June 24 at 1100 and 1300. This is an opportunity for you to help with your Abbey Choir and give us some support without making any regular commitment. Can you help us? Please contact Mike Pegg.

THE ABBEY LIBRARY: We have had a delivery of a lot of new books - please come and browse and borrow. *Claire.*

THE BIG LUNCH (joining with the UK's Annual Get together for neighbours) today, Sunday 18 June 1200-1500. Children's Fancy Dress Parade 1400. At Pershore Baptist - please bring a dish of your choice.

EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR: We warmly welcome Amy Jones who has now taken on the role of Events Co-ordinator for the Abbey. Amy is new to Pershore and the Abbey and she's on a steep learning curve as she gets to know every one involved. She is taking on the responsibility of co-ordinating the team of people involved and liaising with the various organisers. She is to be the main contact once a date has been agreed. We wish her well and thank her for her commitment.

HELP NEEDED FOR AFTER CHURCH COFFEE: We really need some more people to go on the rota for serving coffee after the morning service. It's not an onerous task. Just arriving a little early to set up, making and serving and then clearing up afterwards. At the moment we do it about once every six weeks but this could be less often if we have more helpers. It's a good way of meeting people too. If you could help please speak to Jean Pritchard or one of the helpers. You'll be very welcome.

PERSHORE FOODBANK: We have just given out a sleeping bag, kindly donated by a member of the Abbey congregation, to a homeless client. We would appreciate a replacement so that we have it ready if needed. If any one has a sleeping bag they no longer want then please could we have it. We only have storage for one so in the traditional manner of "first come first served" whoever rings me first will be relieved of a sleeping bag. Thank you. *Lynne Raymer 554026*

SONGS OF PRAISE On Tuesday 06 June we saw an audience of over 300, a TV production crew of 25, 9 cameras and the Abbey lit from end to end. Pershore Abbey was the first of a series of Songs of Praise recordings to be made over the following few weeks. The various items will appear in various editions of the programme in the weeks and months to come - there will no specific programme dedicated to Pershore. SOP - The Sequel will be recorded this Autumn when a small team will return for a series of short interviews - I understand they are looking for a bicycle riding lady vicar who keeps greyhounds to take part. *Robin Hancox*

ABBEY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DAY TRIP 11 JULY. We are organising a trip to Hereford and The Hop Pocket on 11th July, leaving Broad Street at 0930 and returning from the Hop pocket at 1700. Please ring Anne Wonfor on 01905 840912 to book tickets and for any other information. Every one is welcome, husbands too!
Jan Parsons

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Saturday 1st July 1000 - Pershore Midsummer Brass present a series of short brass band concerts throughout the day.

Thursday 27th 1100 - Three Choirs Festival present the Proteus Ensemble
SOLD OUT

Thursday 27th 1530 - Three Choirs Festival present a "Mums and Toddlers" style music session as part of their festival programme. Full details to be confirmed.

For further information about events at the Abbey please pick up a copy of the Concert & Events brochure or look at our website www.pershoreabbey.org.uk

ABBEY DIARY

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

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

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins and Eucharist

1700 Evening Prayer

Sunday, 18 June

0800 Eucharist (A)

1030 Sung Eucharist (A)
with Junior Church and Traidcraft

1200 Private Christening Party (St A)

1230 Service of Holy Baptism (A)
Alexander Moreton

1430 Service of Holy Baptism (A)
James Newbury, Griff Thomson

Monday, 19 June

0915 Musical Explorers (St A)*

1830 Weight Watchers (St A)*

1930 Bells (St A)

Tuesday, 20 June

0930 Bells (St A)

1000 Meditation Group (*Holy Redeemer*)

1100 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

1930 Abbey Women's Fellowship (St A)
Angelica Herbs

Wednesday, 21 June

0930 Three Choirs meeting (A)

1130 Lunch Club (St A)*

Thursday, 22 June

0915 Weight Watchers' Meeting (St A)*

0930 Vicar and Wardens' Meeting (St A, upstairs)

1600 Wedding Rehearsal (A)
Steve Knight and Kat Gullick

1900 Brian Hoggard's Guitar class (St A)*

1900 Wedding Rehearsal (A)
Kevin Smith and Jodie Pomeroy

Friday, 23 June

0930 Parent & Toddler Group (St A)*

1100 Eucharist (A)

1200 Wedding Flower Preparation (A)

1300 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

1800 Choir Practice (A)

1900 Pershore Prayer Council (*Town Hall*)

1930 Bells (St A)

Saturday, 24 June

1100 Wedding of Steve Knight with
Katherine Gullick (A)

1300 Wedding of Kevin Smith with
Jodie Pomeroy (A)

Sunday, 25 June

1500 Thank You Service (B)

Abbey Service times in box below.

* = Event start time, not booking time.

ABBEY SERVICES - SUNDAY 25 JUNE

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

0800 Eucharist

0930 Morning Praise

1030 Sung Eucharist

Revd Dr Orion Edgar is Presiding

A LOOP SYSTEM is installed throughout the Abbey. If the T setting does not work, please use the ordinary setting for our PA system.

