



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 13 August, 2017

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship, Order One

WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

*A very warm welcome to our services today,
please join us after the 10.30 service for refreshments*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 708

(Woodlands)

"Lift up your hearts!" We lift them, Lord, to thee;
here at thy feet none other may we see;
"Lift up your hearts!" E'en so, with one accord,
We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.

Above the level of the former years,
the mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
the mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,
O Lord of Light, lift all our hearts to-day!

Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,
the deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,
the halting tongue that dares not tell the whole
O Lord of truth, lift every Christian soul.

Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given;
low lies the best till lifted up to heaven;
low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
till, sent from God, they mount to God again.

Then, as the trumpet-call, in after years,
"Lift up your hearts!" rings pealing in our ears,
still shall those hearts respond, with full accord
"We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!"

[Henry Montague Butler 1833-1918]

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

1 Kings 19: 9-18

A reading from the First Book of Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless

they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 713

(Slane)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

[Jan Struther (Joyce Placzek), 1901-1953]

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Alleluia

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately

reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 730

(Solomon)

1. My God, I love thee; not because
I hope for heaven thereby,
nor yet because who love thee not
are lost eternally.
2. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me
upon the cross embrace;
for me didst bear the nails and spear,
and manifold disgrace;
3. And griefs and torments numberless,
and sweat of agony;
yea, death itself - and all for me
who was thine enemy.
4. Then why, O blessèd Jesu Christ,
should I not love thee well?
Not for the sake of winning heaven,
nor of escaping hell;
5. Not from the hope of gaining aught,
not seeking a reward;
but as thyself has lovèd me,
O ever-loving Lord.
6. So would I love thee, dearest Lord,
and in thy praise will sing;
solely because thou art my God,
and my most loving King.

[Edward Caswall, 1814-1878]

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 654

(St Bees)

1. Hark, my soul, it is the Lord;
'Tis thy Saviour, hear his word;
Jesus speaks and speaks to thee,
'Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?
2. 'I delivered thee when bound,
And, when wounded, healed thy wound;
Sought thee wandering, set thee right,
Turned thy darkness into light.
3. 'Can a woman's tender care
Cease towards the child she bare?
Yes, she may forgetful be,
Yet will I remember thee.
4. 'Mine is an unchanging love,
Higher than the heights above,
Deeper than the depths beneath,
Free and faithful, strong as death.
5. 'Thou shalt see my glory soon,
When the work of grace is done;
Partner of my throne shalt be:
Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?'
6. Lord, it is my chief complaint
That my love is weak and faint;
Yet I love thee, and adore;
O for grace to love thee more!

[William Cowper, 1731-1800]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1. Light of the minds that know him,
 may Christ be light to mine!
 my sun in risen splendour,
 my light of truth divine;
 my guide in doubt and darkness,
 my true and living way,
 my clear light ever shining,
 my dawn of heaven's day.

2. Life of the souls that love him,
 may Christ be ours indeed!
 the living bread from heaven
 on whom our spirits feed;
 who died for love of sinners
 to bear our guilty load,
 and make of life's brief journey
 a new Emmaus road.

3. Strength of the wills that serve him,
 may Christ be strength to me,
 who stilled the storm and tempest,
 who calmed the tossing sea;
 his Spirit's power to move me,
 his will to master mine,
 his cross to carry daily
 and conquer in his sign.

4. May it be ours to know him
 that we may truly love,
 and loving, fully serve him
 as serve the saints above;
 till in that home of glory
 with fadeless splendour bright,
 we serve in perfect freedom
 our strength, our life, our light.

[Bp Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926]

*PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE SHEET & PEW BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU
 PLEASE LEAVE THE SERVICE BOOKLET WHEN YOU LEAVE*

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 Wednesday at 1200 noon please.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

BAPTISMS: Oscar Williams, Alysa Williams, Louie Williams Isla Cosnett (A) 20.08.2017
Abigail Fordham (P) 20.08.2017

WEDDINGS: Daniel Harris and Kelly Cowley (A) 05.08.2017,
Jason Farren and Nicola Rose (A) 19.08.2017

THOSE IN NEED: Maureen Read, Anne, John and Sheila Grantham,
John Champion, Matthew Baynes, Rose O'Neil, David Rogers, Alison Roy

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: John Stewart, Patricia Chandler, Ian Gerrard,
Gwendoline Bungey

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OCCURS TODAY OR IN
THE COMING WEEK: Norman Futrill

NOTICES AND EVENTS

TODAY WE WARMLY WELCOME SUSAN ESSAM, who is joining us at the 1030 service when she will be telling us about her work in Diocese of Jos, Nigeria.

SALZWEDEL LINK: We are delighted that our friends from our Link Church St Catherine's, in Salzwedel, will be visiting us from 29 September to 03 October if you think you might be able help in any way please get in touch. Thank you. *Claire*

RIVERSIDE WATER MUSIC TODAY Sunday, 13 August, 1730 - 1930. Music, boating and refreshments in the riverside garden at 55 Bridge Street in aid of Christian Aid and Aces (Aid for Children of El Salvador). Tickets are £7.00 each and are available from 'Sedgeberrow Books' and 'Blue'. All welcome.

TEDDIES WANTED! We are collecting teddies to sell at the Plum Fayre Teddy Stall on Monday 28 August. Donations would be very much appreciated, please place in the "Teddy Box" at the back of the Abbey or phone Suzanne Clarke on 553293. Thank you.

THE BENEFICE OFFICE will be totally closed on Thursday 17 August for staff development. The Office will be locked and there will be no access for anyone. Please could any Bulletin items for that week reach the Office no later than Wednesday evening. If you need urgent help on the 17th please phone 01386 552071 where a recorded message will direct you to the appropriate person. Many thanks for your support in this. *Claire*

RIDE & STRIDE - 09 SEPTEMBER 2017 For more information and sponsorship forms please go to www.worcesteranddudleyhistoricchurches.org.uk or contact the Abbey Office on 01386 552071.

PLUM FAYRE: Bric-a-Brac & scarves for Amnesty International stall - Items can be left at Black Horse Cottage, 3 Church Row, if no one is at home you may be able to leave items in the garage at the back of the house. Thank you. *Ann Champion*

PARISH COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF MEMORIAL WINDOW- PERSHORE CEMETERY CHAPEL: The Parish Coffee Morning to be held on 16 September at St Andrew's will be a special fundraising event in aid of the Memorial Window at Pershore Cemetery Chapel. In addition to the usual coffee and cakes, there will be a cake & preserves stall, book stall and a raffle. Now would be a good time to sort through your bookshelves! Boxes for collecting books will be placed in the Abbey from 01 Sept but should you need to donate sooner, Di Jefferies (tel: 552914) has kindly offered to store books from now until the beginning of September. Prizes for the raffle would be most welcome - kindly contact Sara Speed (710776) or any PASA member. Thank you.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE DAY AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY: We are very fortunate that Westminster Abbey are one of the Patrons of Pershore Benefice. This means that they are interested in what we do and help appoint the Vicar! Every year they have a National Pilgrimage Day in honour of Edward the Confessor, whose shrine is in the Abbey. This year the Pilgrimage Day is on Saturday 14 October. There are many activities going on including a Festival Eucharist at 1130 at which Bishop John will be preaching. We are trying to put together a day trip to join the Pilgrimage Day, so if you think you would like to come please sign up on the sheets that are at the back of all the Benefice Churches. If we have sufficient numbers of people interested we will look into hiring a coach. Individuals are of course very welcome to get to London under their own steam. For more information please contact the Office. *Claire*.

TRANSPORT NEEDED TO CHURCH FROM NIGHTINGALE LODGE, DEFFORD ROAD: A new Pershore resident would appreciate a lift to the 1030 Sunday service at the Abbey from the new Churchill flats. If you can help, sometimes, or regularly, please contact the Abbey Office for contact information. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ABBAY TOWER TOUR GUIDES AND TOUR ASSISTANTS URGENTLY NEEDED: Please contact Michael Pegg via the Abbey Office on 01386-552071 or e-mail him direct at mandj.pegg@virgin.net.

HELP NEEDED FOR AFTER CHURCH COFFEE: We need some more people to go on the rota for serving coffee after the morning service - if you are able to help, please speak to one of the helpers or contact the Abbey Office.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ABBEY BOOKSTALL: Please help us if you can! Please speak to Jean Andrews or contact the Abbey Office for further information or to volunteer.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have offered to make cakes for the plum fayre refreshments. There will be labelled boxes at the back of the Abbey on Sunday 27 August at the 0930 and 1030 services for fresh cakes or cakes that have been frozen. If you are not able to bring your cake on that day please contact Sandra Long. 01386 554981.

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

All welcome

Sunday, 13 August

0800 Eucharist (A)

1030 Sung Eucharist (A)

1700 Wholeness and Healing Service (A)

1730 Riverside Water Music

Monday, 14 August

All day CCTV works (A)

1830 Weight Watchers (St A)*

1930 Bells (A)

Tuesday, 15 August

All day CCTV works (A)

0930 Bells (St A)

1000 Meditation Group (Holy Redeemer)

1100 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

1830 Play Rehearsal (A)

Wednesday, 16 August

1130 Teddy Bear's Picnic (St A)*

1530 Architect Visit (A)

Thursday, 17 August

The Abbey Office is closed

0915 Weight Watchers' Meeting (St A)*

0930 Churchwardens' Meeting (A)

1100 Organ Rehearsal(A)

Friday, 18 August

1100 Eucharist (A)

1200 Abbey Flower Guild Wedding Prep (A)

1300 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

1745 Wedding Rehearsal Farren/Rose (A)

1900 Plainchant (A)

1930 Bells (A)

Saturday, 19 August

1030 Bells (St A)

1330 Wedding of Jason Farren
with Nicola Rose (A)

Sunday, 20 August

1430 Service of Holy Baptism (P)
Abigail Fordman

For service times please see box below

* = Event start time, not booking time.

ABBEY SERVICES - SUNDAY 20 AUGUST

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

0800 Eucharist

1030 Sung Eucharist

1430 Service of Holy Baptism

Oscar Williams, Alys Williams, Louie Williams, Isla Cosnett

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

