



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 14 October, 2018

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SUNG EUCHARIST WITH JUNIOR CHURCH

WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

*A very warm welcome to our services today.
Please join us for refreshments after the 10:30 service.*

Please use this service sheet in conjunction with the green service booklet

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 453

(*St Helen*)

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.
2. Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.
3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.
4. Paschal lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fulness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.
5. Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!

[George Hugh Bourne, 1840-1925]

THE COLLECT

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

A reading from the Book of Amos

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 649

(Heathlands)

1. God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill thy Church with light divine;
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.
2. Let the people praise thee, Lord!
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.
3. Let the people praise thee, Lord!
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
man to God devoted live;
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

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 Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 510

(Kelvingrove)

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| 1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know,
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me? | 2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me? |
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3. Will you let the blinded see
if I call your name?
will you set the prisoners free,
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and love and grow
in you, and you in me.

[John L. Bell, b.1949 & Graham Maule b. 1958]

COMMUNION MOTET: O God Thou Goodness - LV Beethoven

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 269

(*St Bernard*)

1. Can we by searching find out God
or formulate his ways?
Can numbers measure what he is
or words contain his praise?
2. Although his being is too bright
for human eyes to scan,
his meaning lights our shadowed world
through Christ, the Son of Man.
3. Our boastfulness is turned to shame,
our profit counts as loss,
when earthly values stand beside
the manger and the cross.
4. We may there recognise his light,
may kindle in its rays,
find there the source of penitence,
the starting-point of praise.
5. There God breaks in upon our search,
makes birth and death his own:
he speaks to us in human terms
to make his glory known.

[Elizabeth Cosnett, b 1936]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 499

(Abbots Leigh)

1. Lord, you give the great commission:
'heal the sick and preach the word'.
lest the Church neglect its mission,
and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to Your purpose
with renewed integrity,
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.
2. Lord, you call us to your service:
In my name baptize and teach.
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.
3. Lord, You make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood'.
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.
4. Lord, you show us love's true measure:
Father, what they do, forgive.
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end'.
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

[Jeffery W Rowthorn b. 1934]

PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE SHEET & A 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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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.

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THE FESTIVAL OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS 2018 - CANCELLED This event was to have been held in the Cathedral on 20th October but unfortunately it has been decided that the event should be cancelled, for a number of reasons. The Diocesan Healing Advisory Group very much regret that this has been necessary and apologise to anyone who has been disappointed by this action.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE: On Saturday 27 October there will be a Churches Together walk. Meet at 10:00 by St Andrew's front door, Church Walk, Pershore. There is a choice between a 1+ mile (2km) level walk (suitable at the beginning, for push chairs and motorised chairs), and a 2+ mile (4 km) walk. Please wear sensible shoes/trainers and bring a waterproof. Dogs have to be on a lead. If you are interested or have questions please email David Oldham saying which walk you are interested in. Email addresses would only be used to sort out details of the walk and weather related changes. Alternatively just turn up at 10:00 for the walk."

BENEFICE ALL SOULS' SERVICE SUNDAY 04 NOVEMBER AT 1700 AT THE ABBEY: At this simple service we shall be remembering all those who have died in the past year as well as all those whom we love but see no longer. If there is someone that you would like to be remembered at the service there will be a list at the back of the churches for you to write their name down. The list will be available until the end of October. We shall read out all of these names at the Service. *Claire*

OUR 'TEAMS4U' SHOE BOX APPEAL 2018: On Sunday, 18 November, the Junior Church and Upper Room Group are packing shoe boxes. We would be very grateful for empty shoe boxes and the following items to help fill these boxes - we particularly need note pads, soaps, flannels, toothpaste, tooth brushes, tennis balls, sweets and chocolates with a long sell by date may also be included. Please place gifts in the box at the back of the church. It costs a minimum of £2.50 to send each shoe box; if you prefer to contribute to this it would be greatly appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts to Suzanne Clarke. Thank you. *Suzanne.*

PERSHORE FOODBANK: Thank you for donations last month whether cash or goods. You might like to know with the cash donations we were able to purchase exactly what we needed. However we have been busy and now need the following:- tinned fish, meat and carrots, small bags of sugar, cooking sauces, cereal, fruit juices, small salt and peppers. Thank you for your support. *Lynne Raymer*

NEW TREASURER AT THE ABBEY: We are pleased to announce that Helen Archer-Smith has been appointed as the new Treasurer for the Abbey. Helen works as the Bursar at Bredon School, lives in Pershore and worships at the Baptist Church. She is very much looking forward to becoming part of the team. Welcome Helen! *Claire*

NEW PERSHORE ABBEY AND BENEFICE WEBSITE: Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Friends of Pershore Abbey we now have a new website for the Abbey and Benefice. Go to pershoreabbey.org.uk and have a look! This has been a significant piece of work and the team have worked hard on it, but we realise that it will not be without the odd mistake. If you do spot something please let Gail in the Office know. *Claire*

BOOKING ST ANDREW'S CENTRE: If you are going to use St Andrews for a church meeting please check with the Office (01386-552071) to ensure it is free. St Andrews is happily very busy these days both upstairs and down and there is a risk that someone else will be using it. We have already had one near clash. So please check before you use the building. Thanks.
Peter Stansbie

ABBEY KEY AMNESTY: Do you have any keys to the Abbey or St Andrews that you no longer use or need? Perhaps tucked away in a drawer somewhere? If so could you please let the Office have them. You will be warmly welcomed and absolutely no sanctions will be taken! Also if you have the keys to the Tower following Plum Fair could you return those please. We would like to keep as few keys in circulation as possible for security purposes. *Many thanks.*

ABBEY PARISH COFFEE MORNING - 17 NOVEMBER Volunteers would be appreciated to run the parish coffee morning at St Andrew's Centre on 17 November, please speak to Jane Knox.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS: These are available in the Abbey. Please make yourself known to a churchwarden or member of the ministry team on any particular Sunday if you would like to receive a gluten free communion wafer during Communion. Thank you.
Claire

PRAYERS FOR PEACE: We have joined a national initiative called Remembrance 100 which is praying daily for peace and hope in the 100 days before Remembrance Sunday. At our daily morning and evening services we will be joining with people up and down the country as we pray for peace. Come and join us! *Claire*

PRAYERS AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL: At Evensong on 19 and 20 November Pershore Benefice is being remembered in the prayers. It is always appreciated when there are members from the Benefice at these services. The service starts at 17:30. Angela Gerrard is attending the service on the 19th November, where she will be reading one of the lessons. She would be delighted to have some company! *Claire*

ABBEY LINK MAGAZINE QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION: Due to the resignation, through work, a vacancy has occurred in our distribution team. This is a vital point of contact with the new residents of our town and the main link to the mission and worship of our Abbey. We need people to deliver in the Persimmon developments off Station Road, if you could help please contact Roger Piper or Bill Newman. Thank you.

AUTUMN HOUSE GROUPS: Please look at the flip chart at the back of the Abbey for details of the house groups that will be running October/November. They don't all start on the same week so please study carefully! If you've never been to a house group before why not start this autumn? If you want to know more please get in touch with me. *Claire*

ABBEY BABIES AND TODDLERS GROUP - HELP NEEDED: We are still looking for willing volunteers to help out with our Babies and Toddler Sessions, held during term-time on Friday mornings in St Andrew's. If you are able to offer help on a regular basis or just on the odd occasion please speak to Sara Speed. Many thanks.

HAVE YOU BEEN HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE HEARING AID LOOP? We have recently checked the operation of the hearing loop and everything looks OK from the equipment end. If you use the hearing loop can you see if it works for you please and let the wardens know. *Robin Hancox*

HARVEST SUPPER: Thank you for your support, it was a very good evening and enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who made the evening such a success including those who decorated St Andrews, the caterers, raffle prizes and the entertainment. The raffle raised £135.00 to be divided between the Pershore Food Bank and The Pershore & Evesham Stroke Support Group. *Jane Knox*

ABBEY & BENEFICE 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

08:00 Silent Prayer

08:30 Matins and Eucharist

17:00 Evening Prayer

Everyone is very welcome to attend these services

SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER 2018

TRINITY 20

08:00 Eucharist

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Junior Church and the Upper Room Group

17:00 Service of Wholeness and Healing at the Abbey

17:30 Youth Group led by Suzanne Clarke (St Andrew's Centre)

Mon 15 Oct 2018

09:15 Musical Explorers (St A)

18:30 Weight Watchers (St A)

19:30 Bells (A)

Tue 16 Oct 2018

09:30 Bells (St A)

10:00 Meditation Group

(Holy Redeemer Catholic Church)

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

11:00 Funeral of the late Christopher Miller (A)

19:30 Abbey Women's Fellowship (St A)

Wed 17 Oct 2018

11.30 Lunch Club - Enquiries 554299 (St A)

11:00 Eucharist (Heathlands)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A, Main Hall)

Thu 18 Oct 2018

09:15 Weight Watchers

09:30 Vicar & Wardens' Meeting

(St A, Upper Room)

19:00 Guitar Class (St A)

Fri 19 Oct 2018

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (St A)

10:00 New staging delivery (St A)

11:00 Eucharist (A)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

14:30 Organ Practice (A)

18:00 Choir Practice (A)

19:30 Bells (St A)

Sat 20 Oct 2018

09:00 Concert set-up (A)

14:30 Booking for concert use (St A)

19:30 West Mercia Police Band (A)

In support of Acorns

SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 2018

TRINITY 21 MISSION SUNDAY

08:00 Eucharist (A)

09:00 All Day Private Booking (St A)

10:30 Mission Sunday - Sung Eucharist with Laying on of Hands (A)

Guest Speaker Derek Markie of Citizens Advice

12:30 Bells (A)

17:00 Wick Friends Service (St Mary's Church, Wick)