



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 21 October, 2018

MISSION SUNDAY / TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNG EUCHARIST

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 754

(Hannover)

1. O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.
6. O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

[Robert Grant, 1779-1838]

THE COLLECT

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

Isaiah 53:4-12

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1. Glory to God, the source of all our mission;
Jesus be praised, the Saviour, Lord and Son!
Praise to the Spirit who confirms the vision;
in all the world the will of God be done!
2. Proud in our wealth, or destitute and broken,
we cannot live by earthly bread alone;
but by the word that God himself has spoken
we are set free to make our Master known.
3. Eastward or westward, northward, southward moving,
finding new fields, new patterns and new role,
Christ's fellow-workers, all his goodness proving,
see how our God is making people whole!
4. Linked by the cross at which we are forgiven,
joined by the love that came to find and save,
one in the hope of God's new earth and heaven,
we love and give since he first loved and gave.
5. Send us, Lord Christ, to serve at your direction,
dying and living, yours in loss and gain,
true to the Gospel of your resurrection,
working and praying till you come to reign.

[Christopher Idle, b. 1938]

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

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.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become

great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 238

(Down Ampney)

1. Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

[Bianco Da Siena, d.1434

Transl. by Richard Frederick Littledale, 1833-1890]

COMMUNION MOTET

sung by The Abbey Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 454

(Cresswell)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again;
Love, only love, is his way | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, parents and kin.
Love, only love, is his name. |
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*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.*

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better than splendour and wealth.*

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3. Love is his name, love is his law,
hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another; I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is his law.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.*

4. Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one;
love, only love, is his word.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.*

[Luke Connaughton, 1917-1979]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 493

(Woodlands)

Hope of our calling: hope through courage won
by those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
will bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,
to live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
from death's despair the gift of life restored;
our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
to bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

Hope of our calling: hope with faith made bold;
to sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
the kingdom's harvest from the kingdom's seeds.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
old joys remembered and new purpose found,
our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[Ally Barrett b. 1975]

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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NOTICES & EVENTS

MISSION SUNDAY SPEAKERS: Today we welcome Dave Christmas from Christians Against Poverty and Derek Markie from Citizens' Advice who will be sharing with us how our mission giving is helping these important charities support people in need.

THE LATE TIM VIVIAN: We were all saddened to hear of Tim's death. He was a faithful member of the Abbey congregation for many years and he will be greatly missed. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held on 25th October 13:30 in the Abbey. Everyone is very welcome.

IONA WORSHIP: 'Work' is the theme of the Iona service on Wednesday 31 October at 19:30 in the Abbey. This service will be attended by Revd Dick Johnson who recently led a course on Workplace Chaplaincy for Churches Together in Pershore. (Dick works for the charity 'Faith at Work in Worcestershire'.) There will be time to discuss and pray about local workers and a possible workplace chaplaincy project in Pershore. All are welcome.

TRAIDCRAFT: Please see attached green handout. Please support Traidcraft when considering your Christmas shopping and regular fair trade purchases. Our next Sales stall dates are October 21st, November 4th, 18th, & December 2nd and 16th.

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. For more information please email David Oldham on davidandheleno@gmail.com Alternatively just turn up at 10:00 for the walk."

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED: We are delighted that we have lots of new members arriving at the Babies & Toddlers Group from all around the area due to some successful advertising on social media! Now we are very urgently looking for willing volunteers to help out on Friday mornings, term-time only, in St Andrew's Centre. Please speak to Sara Speed if you have some time to spare. Many thanks.

LIGHT THE TOWER FOR PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: This takes place in November and we are joining Pancreatic Cancer UK by lighting the Abbey Tower on the following nights in November for this important campaign - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. Please remember all those who have died from pancreatic cancer; all those who living with this condition, their families and friends, and all those trying to understand this devastating disease more. Thank you. *Claire*

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.*

ABBAY 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.

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 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 reading one of the lessons. She would be delighted to have some company! *Claire*

ABBAY 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.

A THANK YOU FROM THE VOLUNTEER CENTRE The money collected between April and the end of August for after service coffee amounted to £249.33. A cheque was sent to Pershore Volunteer Centre and we have received the following letter. "Thank you so much for the generous donation from the Abbey parishioners. It will certainly assist our work and is especially welcome for being such a surprise."

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 21 OCTOBER 2018
TRINITY 21 MISSION SUNDAY

08:00 Eucharist (A)

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

Sunday 21 October

09:00 All Day Private Booking (St A)
17:00 Choral Evensong with the Friends of
St Mary's Church, Wick
12:30 Bells (A)

Monday 22 October

09:15 Musical Explorers (St A)
10:30 Bells (St A)
18:30 Weight Watchers (St A)
19:30 Bells (St A)

Tuesday 23 October

09:20 Foodbank Steering Group (St A)
11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)
14:30 Mothers' Union (St A)
15:30 Meeting of Henry Smith Charity Trustees (A)

Wednesday 24 October

13:00 Funeral of Late Lillian Perks (A & St A)
19:00 Diocesan ALM Children's & Youth Course
(St A upper room)
20:00 Vale Harmony (St A)

Thursday 25 October

09:15 Weight Watchers (St A)
09:30 Informal PCC meeting (St A Upper Room)
10:30 Finance meeting (St A Upper Room)
13:30 Thanksgiving for the life of the late
Tim Vivian (A)
19:00 Guitar Class (St A)

Friday 26 October

09:30 Babies and Toddlers (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)

Saturday 27 October

AM Concert preparations (A)
10:00 U3A Pershore & District Open
Morning (St A)
10:00 CTIP Walk - meet at St A front entrance
14:00 Pershore Midsummer Brass Concert
(A)

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 2018
FESTIVAL OF SIMON & JUDE

08:00 Eucharist
09:30 Morning Praise
10:30 Sung Eucharist
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism