



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, 18 August 2019

TRINITY 9

SUNG EUCHARIST

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WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 327

(Deus Tuorum Militum)

1. Awake, awake: fling off the night!
For God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.

3. Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before his cross for guidance kneel;
his light will judge and, judging, heal.

2. Awake and rise, with love renewed,
and with the Spirit's power endued,
the light of life in us will glow,
and fruits of truth and goodness show.

4. Awake, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
and your whole nature fill with joy.

5. Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[John Raphael Peacey, 1896-1971]

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

Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one

another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29 -12:2

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 335

(*St Peter*)

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| 1. My God, accept my heart this day,
and make it always thine,
that I from thee no more may stray,
no more from thee decline. | 2. Before the cross of him who died,
behold, I prostrate fall;
let every sin be crucified,
and Christ be all in all. |
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3. Anoint me with thy heavenly grace,
and seal me for thine own;
that I may see thy glorious face,
and worship near thy throne.

4. Let every thought and work and word
to thee be ever given:
then life shall be thy service, Lord,
and death the gate of heaven.

5. All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

[Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894]

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 787

(Nottingham)

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

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5. Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

[Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879]

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 456

(Solothurn)

1. Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and rise again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

3. To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

2. With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

4. Then grant us grace, Companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

[Fred Kaan, 1929-2009]

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.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 497

(Londonderry Air)

Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim.
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer—
the living water for our souls' reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

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Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his word!
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
one church triumphant one new song shall sing,
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

[Timothy Dudley-Smith, b.1926]

Please take this service sheet and pew bulletin home with you
and please leave the service booklet when you leave. Thank you.

PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 18 AUGUST 2019

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

- Worship God
- Welcome All

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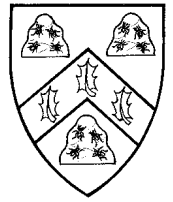
PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

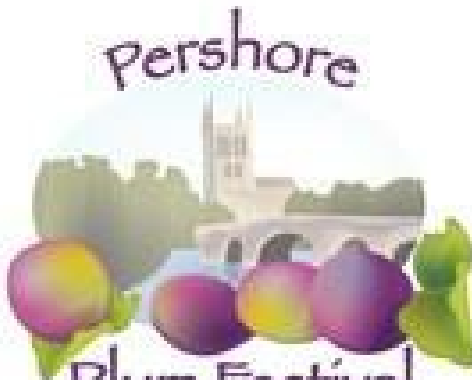
You are invited to

Pershore Abbey Plum Praise & Teddy Service



Where: In the Bandstand in Abbey Park
or in the Abbey if wet

When: Sunday afternoon, 25th August
Time: Two o'clock



www.pershoreplumfestival.org.uk

PLUM FAYRE NOTICES - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 26th AUGUST

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE PROVIDING CAKES for the Plum Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday & please can you bring them to the Abbey on Sunday 25th August where boxes will be available to place them in before the 10:30 service. Any problems please contact either Sara Speed 710776 or Jane Knox 556981.

Thank you also to all the volunteers helping on Plum Fayre day, Monday 26th in St Andrew's, if you have any problems on the day or are unable to make your slot please ring Jane Knox on 07870 227636.

HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE: Refreshments of tea and cakes will be served in St Andrew's Centre, we need helpers for a 2 hour session between 10:00 and 16:00. We would be grateful for any cakes or if you don't want to make a cake a donation would be appreciated. Sign up sheets are at the back of the Abbey or contact Olive Hall 554752 for helping or Sandra Long 554981 for cakes. Thank you.

TEDDY BEARS WANTED FOR PLUM FAYRE: Once again the Abbey is collecting teddies to sell at the Plum Fayre Teddy Stall on Monday 26th 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.

WANTED: Bric-a-Brac & scarves wanted for Amnesty International stall – please speak to Ann Champion or Sarah Thomson.

CYRIL & MARION BAINES want to say a big "thank you" to the Abbey congregation for beautiful and so thoughtfully designed 70th Wedding Anniversary card and the lovely bouquet. They truly became part of our Celebration and Thanksgiving. We do appreciate the love and friendship and welcome we have found over the 32 years we have worshiped in the Abbey.

ALL TOGETHER AS KINGDOM PEOPLE - SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER, WORCESTER CATHEDRAL: Come together in Worcester, once again, to worship, share resources and be inspired in our 'Kingdom People' journey. Highlights this year include the presence of the Bishop of Liverpool, Paul Bayes, (formerly one of our honorary canons) and a wide range of workshops - from which you'll come away with new ideas to reinvigorate your worship, connect your faith with life beyond church walls, or help make running your parish easier. There will be sessions suitable for families to attend together as well as practical prayer stations and a chance to be involved in 'Kingdom Arts' projects. The day will also include a ministry of hospitality with breakfast and afternoon tea provided free of charge, courtesy of a gift from a charitable trust. You'll just need to bring lunch (or take the opportunity to head into Worcester in the break to get something). I'm hoping very many people from across the Diocese will come and join us to worship, learn, share and eat together. *Bishop John*

ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

(A) Abbey, (B) Birlingham, (P) Pinvin, (W) Wick, (St A) St Andrew's,
(St A U) St Andrew's Upper Room (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

SERVICES AT THE ABBEY TODAY SUNDAY 18 AUGUST TRINITY 9

08:00 Eucharist

10:30 Sung Eucharist

12:30 Service of Holy Baptism

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism

Monday 19 August

18:30 Weight Watchers (St A)

19:30 Bells (A)

Tuesday 20 August

09:30 Bells (St A)

10:00 Meditation Group (Holy Redeemer
RC Church)

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

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

Wednesday 21 August

11:00 Eucharist (Heathlands)

18:00 Wedding Blessing Rehearsal
for James and Emily (A)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A)

Thursday 22 August

09:15 Weight Watchers (St A)

09:30 Vicar & Wardens' Meeting (St A U)

11:00 Funeral of the late

Joyce Hutton (St Mary's Church, Wick)

11:00 Pew wedding flowers (A)

13:00 Blessing of Marriage

James McCully & Emily Bradbury (A)

Friday 23 August

08:30 Electricians (St A & St AU)

11:00 Eucharist (A)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

19:30 Bells (St A)

Saturday 24 August

12:30 Wedding of

Thomas Dunham and Hannah White
(St James' Church, Birlingham)

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (A)

SERVICES AT THE ABBEY NEXT SUNDAY 25 AUGUST TRINITY 10

08:00 Eucharist

09:30 Morning Praise

10:30 Sung Eucharist

14:00 Plum Praise & Teddy Service -

at the bandstand in Abbey Park weather permitting or the Abbey if wet