



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, PERSHORE

Sunday, August 25 2019

TRINITY 10

SUNG EUCHARIST

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

WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET & BULLETIN

A very warm welcome to our services today.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A&M 766

(Praise My Soul)

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| 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King. | 3. Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows. |
| 2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness. | 4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endure unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal One. |
| 5. Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise with us the God of grace. | |

[Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847]

THE COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 58:9b-14

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

You shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18 -29

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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GRADUAL HYMN

A&M 698

(*Gwalchmai*)

1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

[George Herbert, 1593-1633]

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

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.

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

A&M 632

(*Richmond*)

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| 1. Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
In every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and thy ways. | 3. Praise in the common things of life,
Its going out and in;
Praise in each duty and each deed,
However small and mean. |
| 2. Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part: | 4. Fill every part of me with praise:
Let all my being speak
Of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
Poor though I be and weak. |

5. So shall no part of day or night
Unblest or common be,
But all my life in every step,
Be fellowship with thee.

[Horatius N Bonar, 1808-1889]

COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 772

(*Petra*)

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| 1. Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure:
cleanse me from its guilt and power. | 3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die. |
| 2. Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone. | 4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgement throne;
rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee. |

[Augustus Montague Toplady, 1740-1778]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

A&M 454

(Cresswell)

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

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

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.

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

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]

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 25 AUGUST 2019

As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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*Please may we have any items for inclusion in the Bulletin by
Wednesday evenings, we aim to print from 12:00 on Thursday. Thank you*

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



CONGRATULATIONS! To Hugh and Barbara who celebrated their
65th Wedding Anniversary on 21st August.
A truly wonderful achievement. We send them all our love. *Claire*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CHORAL EVENSONG ON 1ST SEPTEMBER: The setting will be Fauxbourden by Thomas Morley. The Anthem will be King of Glory, King of Peace, J S Bach. *John Wilderspin, Organist/Director of Music.*

TEDDY PRAISE TEDDY PRAISE SERVICE: Our annual Teddy Praise service will take place TODAY, SUNDAY 25 August at 14:00 at the Bandstand in the Abbey Park, (if it's raining it will be held in the Abbey). This short service will give all those brave Teddy's (and other special friends) who are parachuting and zip-wiring at the Plum Fair tomorrow a chance to prepare for the big day. We will also be presenting a pound of Pershore plums to the Diocese as rent for St Andrews. We hope the Plum Princess will join us. Teddies are allowed to bring owners with them so come and join in the fun. Everyone is invited and very welcome, please don't forget to bring along a blanket or chair to sit on.

CAKES FOR THE PLUM FAYRE: A BIG THANK YOU to all who have made cakes for the plum fayre refreshments. There are labelled boxes at the back of the Abbey today for fresh cakes or cakes that have been frozen. Thank you again. Any problems please contact either Sara Speed 710776 or Jane Knox 556981. Thank you also to all the volunteers helping on Plum Fayre day, tomorrow, 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.

ECO CHURCH: At the last meeting of the PCC it was unanimously agreed that the Abbey would work towards becoming an Eco Church. To help us start this important work an Eco Church group has been formed and their first meeting will be on 5th September 1900 in the Upper Room at St Andrew's. If you think this is something that you'd like to be involved with come and join us! For more information about Eco Church look at www.ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk Thank you. *Claire*

AUTUMN HOUSE GROUPS: Watch this space for more details.

ALM 2020 – 10th ANNIVERSARY COURSE: Since the diocese launched the Authorised Lay Ministry scheme in 2010, hundreds of people have trained as Worship Leaders, Pastoral Workers, Children and Youth Workers, Evangelists, Administrators, Community Workers and Music Ministers. ALM ministry has become a significant feature of our diocesan life and of our benefice.

The course starting in 2020 marks the tenth anniversary of the ALM scheme. Do you know someone who you think might be called to serve in one of these ALM ministries? Might it be you who God is asking to take this step?

You can read more about the ALM course on the diocesan website, or you can book online for one of the two information evenings, which are happening this autumn.

Monday 14 October, 19:30 at St James Church Hall, Wollaston (Belfry Drive, Wollaston, DY8 3SE)

Wednesday 23 October, 19:30 at The Old Palace (Deansway, Worcester, WR1 2JE)

Both these meetings will finish by 21:00. The ALM course leader, Doug Chaplin, will present some basic information about the course, and try to answer any questions people have. Do speak to me or one of our ALMs Suzanne Clarke, Sandra Long or Hilary Roffey if you want to know more. *Claire*

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE COURSE 2019-2020: During the last year several people from our benefice completed this course. It's a course designed to help you learn more about Scripture and the life of a Christian disciple. The course relates your Christian faith to your life and community. It will build you up and encourage you in your faith as you share together in a group. It costs £30 for the whole course. No academic qualifications are required - but you will need enthusiasm, interest and the willingness to commit yourself to attending the course. The next course begins in the autumn in various locations in the diocese. If you want to know more details please chat to Sandra Long, who has completed the course, or me. *Claire*

LADIES TOGETHER meet again for lunch at the Rose & Crown, Severnstoke at 13:00 on Tuesday, 3rd September. If you would like to be among the number please sign the sheet at the back of the Abbey indicating your menu choice. Those wanting lifts please meet at the Baptist Church at 12:30 on the day as before. *Angela Gerrard 556545*

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*

BENEFICE EUCHARIST: Please make a note in your diary for the next Benefice Eucharist at St James' Church Birlingham, at 10:30 on 29th September. *Claire*

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 S 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

Monday 26 August

BANK HOLIDAY PLUM FAYRE

07:30 Silent Prayer

08:00 Matins and Eucharist

10:00 Bells Ringing to open Plum Festival (A)

10:30 Bells (St A)

Throughout the day:

Plum Fayre refreshments (St A)

Teddy Parachute Drops - inside the Abbey

Teddy Bear Zip Wire drop - outside Abbey

Arts Trail (A)

Classic Cars (A grounds)

Tower Tours (A)

17:00 Evening Prayer (A)

18:30 Bells (A)

19:30 Bells (St A)

Tuesday 27 August

11:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

14:30 Mothers' Union Tea Party (St A)

Wednesday 28 August

19:00 Rota Meeting (St A U)

19:30 Iona Service (A)

20:00 Vale Harmony (St A)

Thursday 29 August

09:15 Weight Watchers (St A)

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

12:00 Funeral of the late Max Roberts (A)

18:00 Choir Practice Restarts (A)

19:30 Stewardship Planning Meeting (V)

Friday 30 August

11:00 Eucharist (A)

13:00 CTIP Food Bank (St A)

13:00 Organ Practice-MP (A)

14:30 Hays U3A Tour of Abbey (A)

19:30 Bells (St A)

Saturday 31 August

10:00 Bells (St A)

15:00 Meeting in Vestry (A)

Sunday 1 September

Traidcraft stall after the 10:30 service (A)

14:00 Pianoscapes concert (St As)

18:00 Prep for maintenance treatment (St A)

SERVICES AT THE ABBEY NEXT SUNDAY 01 SEPTEMBER TRINITY 11

08:00 Eucharist

10:30 Sung Eucharist

17:00 Choral Evensong