



# MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 22 May 2022

EASTER 6 - ROGATION SUNDAY

## MORNING PRAISE SERVICE SHEET & WEEKLY BULLETIN

**This service will be live-streamed and available to view on our YouTube channel.**

You can join in live at 1030 or catch up later in the day or week.

Please use this sheet as an aid to worship in church and take it with you when you leave.

### Welcome and Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **HYMN 545**

### **Morning Has Broken**

**(Bunessan)**

- 1 Morning has broken, like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

[Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)]

*Please sit or kneel for our prayers*

## **Confession**

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land, and to prosper the work of our soiled hands. Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as  
ourselves. In your mercy  
forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly,  
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Collect for the day**

Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and the sea should bear fruit in due season: bless the labours of those who work on land and sea, grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your Godly care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **HYMN 284                      For the fruits of all creation                      (East Acklam)**

1. For the fruit of his creation,  
    thanks be to God.  
For his gifts to every nation,  
    thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
    thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour,  
    God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour,  
    God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,

3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

[Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)]

## **The Gospel – Mark 4. 26-32**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

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

## **Reflection**

### **Declaration of Faith**

We say together

**We believe in God the Father,  
who created everything in heaven and on earth.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with His love**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.      Amen.**

## **The Peace**

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you**

## **We offer God our Prayers and Thanks**

At the end of each prayer when you hear 'Lord in your mercy' please respond '**hear our prayer**'

*We end by saying together The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **HYMN 652                      Guide me O thou great redeemer                      (Cwm Rhondda)**

1.    Guide me, O my great Redeemer,  
         pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
         hold me with your powerful hand:  
         Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
         feed me now and evermore,  
         feed me now and evermore.
2.    Open now the crystal fountain,  
         where the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
         lead me all my journey through:  
         strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
         be thou still my strength and shield,  
         be thou still my strength and shield.

*(Cont.)*

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee  
I will ever give to thee

*Arglwydd, arwain trwy'r anialwch*  
[William Williams (1717-1791)  
Translated by Peter Williams (1727-1796)]

## **Thanksgiving and Blessing**

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, accompany us in this day's journey. Dawn on our darkness, open our eyes to praise you for your creation and to see the work you set before us today. Take us and use us to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Go in the joy and peace of Christ

**Thanks be to God.**

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**[www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for Pershore Abbey Community**

**[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](#)**

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# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 22 MAY 2022

**As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:**

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

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### BENEFICE OFFICE OPENING HOURS

**TUESDAY - THURSDAY 1100 - 1200 ONLY**

The office staff will also be available to answer enquiries by phone or email on weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

*Please email your enquiry to [office@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@pershoreabbey.org.uk) or leave a message on 01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### **WE PRAY FOR ALL OF THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WAR IN THE UKRAINE**

We pray for those whose weddings, blessings and baptisms are taking place and for all those who are making new plans to celebrate these special life events.

We pray for all those welcoming new life into their families.

We pray for those in need.

We pray for those who have died and for their families and friends.

We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs in the coming week.

## UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL



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## **BULLETIN NOTICES**

**SUNDAY 22 MAY IONA SERVICE 1700 IN PERSHORE ABBEY:** Everyone is very welcome to join this reflective service on the theme of saying 'Goodbye' with thoughtful Iona prayers and beautiful music. There will be a time for people to share their own stories, poems or reflections, if they wish. The service is also available on Zoom. Please contact Helen for the link at [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk)

**DEANERY EVENT - HAVE YOUR SAY - 24 MAY 1730 - 1900, ALL SAINTS EVESHAM:** Don't forget to book your place through Eventbrite: <https://pershore-and-evesham-deanery.eventbrite.com>, or telephone 01386 861669 to leave a message with your name and contact number. Please support your Deanery as they plan for the future.

**BENEFICE EUCHARIST AT PERSHORE ABBEY 1030 29 MAY 2022:** Please do join us as the churches of the Benefice come together to worship at the Abbey on this fifth Sunday. The service will be livestreamed. All welcome.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PERSHORE ANNUAL SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** This service, which normally takes place in January but was postponed because of Covid, will now take place on **Sunday 26 June at 1500**. It will take place outdoors in Abbey park and will include the Commissioning of two new Workplace Chaplains. More details soon, but please do try and come along.



### **THY KINGDOM COME 2022:**

**ASCENSION DAY SUNG EUCHARIST - PERSHORE ABBEY 1900 THURSDAY 26 MAY:** We begin these days of Thy Kingdom Come 2022 with a special Eucharist to remember the moment Jesus ascended into heaven before his disciples. All welcome.

**NOVENA OF PRAYER 27 MAY - 4 JUNE:** During this special nine day period of prayer (which is what Novena means) we shall be holding Zoom services so we can join with others in the Benefice, and across the world, praying for the Holy Spirit to come. The services will start at 1900 and will last between 10-15 minutes on each of these days.

If you'd like to join this time of prayer on any of the days please contact Claire on [vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk) and she will arrange for you to have the Zoom link.

Copies of the beautifully produced Novena Prayer Booklet are available free of charge from the back of Pershore Abbey or you can download a copy here: **Novena 2022**

**THY KINGDOM COME RESOURCES:** Sadly we have no more copies of the Prayer Journal, but you can download a pdf version here: **Prayer Journal 2022**. For children and little ones, we have free copies of 'Queen CJ and the Bouncy Castle - a story about Faithfulness'. More Cheeky Panda resources are available here: **Cheeky Pandas 2022**

**PARISH COFFEE MORNING - SATURDAY MAY 28 ST ANDREW'S CENTRE FROM 1030:** Join us for refreshments, cakes and a chat. between 1030 and 1200 noon.

**PERSHORE ABBEY JUBILEE EXHIBITION ITEMS:** Please could those kindly loaning their memorabilia contact Judy Dale or bring your items along to the Abbey for Ann and Judy next Sunday, 29 May. Many thanks, *Judy Dale*.

## ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

Revd Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day. If you have an enquiry, she will get back to you as soon as she can.

### Sunday 22 May - Easter 6 - Rogation Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Morning Praise (*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)  
10:30 Outdoor Rogation Service (*Orchard Farm, Pinvin*)  
10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's Wick*)  
14:30 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)  
17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

### PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES MONDAY TO SATURDAY:

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### ONGOING WORKS - ALL DAY ON WEEKDAYS

Pershore Abbey: Lighting Engineers  
St Andrew's Centre: Lighting Engineers

### Monday 23 May

13:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)  
13:30 Me, You n' Brew (*St Andrew's Upper*)  
14:00 Funeral of the Late Michelle Hancox  
(*Pershore Abbey*)  
15:00 Cremation of the Late Michelle Hancox  
(*Vale Crematorium*)  
15:30 Meeting (*Pershore Abbey*)  
18:30 Bell ringing practice (*Pershore Abbey*)  
1800 Wick PCC (*Wick*)  
19:00 Pershore Community Choir  
(*St Andrew's Main*)

### Tuesday 24 May

09:20 Foodbank Steering Group (*St Andrew's*)  
11:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)  
11:00 Pinvin Pre-School Visit (*Pershore Abbey*)  
14:00 Fabric Committee Meeting  
(*St Andrew's Upper*)  
14:30 Mothers' Union (*St Andrew's Main*)  
17:30 Deanery Open Conversations  
(*All Saints, Evesham*)  
19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

### Wednesday 25 May

10:00 Pastoral Group  
11:00 Organ practice (*Pershore Abbey*)  
13:15 BYO Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)  
15:45 V & W (*Choir Vestry*)  
19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)  
19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

### Thursday 26 May

10:30 De-Carbonisation Review  
(*St Andrew's & Pershore Abbey*)  
11:00 Baby massage & more (*St Andrew's Main*)  
14:00 Funeral of the Late Joan Bell  
(*Pershore Cemetery Chapel*)  
18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)  
19:00 Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day  
(*Pershore Abbey*)

### Friday 27 May

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)  
13:00 CTIP Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)  
14:30 Flower prep (*Pershore Abbey*)  
19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

### Saturday 28 May

09:00 PASA Coffee morning (*St Andrew's Main*)  
11:00 Thanksgiving Service for the Late  
Harold Rogers (*Pershore Abbey*)  
19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

### Sunday 29 May - Easter 7

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)  
10:30 Benefice Sung Eucharist  
(*Pershore Abbey with LIVESTREAM*)  
12:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)  
14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)  
19:00 Novena of Prayer (*Zoom*)

