

Pershore Benefice

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1600

Pershore Abbey

with livestream



Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn

A&M 766

(Praise my Soul)

During which the standards are received

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.

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.

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.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal One.

Cont.

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)]

Reading: Proverbs 8:1 - 16

Read by Councillor Matthew Winfield, Mayor of Pershore

Hymn

A&M 579

(Thaxted)

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

[Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)]

Reading: Psalm 121

Read by Mrs Suzanne Clarke, Churchwarden, Pershore Abbey

O Taste and See *by R Vaughan Williams*

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

Reading: Luke 22:24-30

Read by Mr Peter Stansbie, Licensed Lay Minister, Pershore

Hymn A&M 715 (Lord of the Years)

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

[Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)]

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Reading: 'The Queen'

Written and read by Mrs Elizabeth Kearney

from Known Unknowns Iona Hymn Book

O God, with holy righteousness
sustain your royal son,
that he may help your suffering folk
and see your justice done.
Through all the earth, from shore to shore,
his kingdom shall extend;
his enemies shall lick the dust,
his reign shall never end.

Rulers and kings of every land
shall bow before his throne;
and all the nations of the world
shall make his will their own.
For he shall rescue those in need,
protect the frightened poor
and, in the face of every threat,
make fragile lives secure.

Long may his name last like the sun,
long be his fame expressed
as people for like blessing pray
who know him as God's blessed.
And blessed by God, for God alone
brings wondrous things to birth;
for ever may God's name be praised
whose glory fills the earth.

[John L. Bell, b. 1949]
Paraphrase of Psalm 72

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Reading: Princess Elizabeth 21 April 1947

JFC J Lane and OC J Michaela, Pershore Sea Cadets

Reading: Her Majesty the Queen, Coronation Day 2 June 1953

Read by Mrs Sam Andrews, Churchwarden, Pershore Abbey

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune *arr. R Vaughan Williams*

Sung by the Pershore Abbey Choir

Hymn

A&M 595

(Slane)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

[Transl. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)
Versifier: Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935)]

Intercessions

Led by Revd James Martin, Minister, Pershore Baptist Church

Lord's Prayer

Act of Dedication

As we give thanks for Her Majesty's service to us all,
Let us dedicate our own lives once again
to the love and service of God and neighbour:

All Lord of our lives and Father of all,
grant that our thanksgiving
may prove itself in service
to you and to our Queen, our country and one another, for your
Name's sake.
Amen.

Hymn

A&M 748

(Wolvercote)

During which the standards are returned

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend

Blessing

National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
on her be pleased to pour,
long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

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We invite you to join us after the service for refreshments and cake

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