



# MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 22 JANUARY

EPIPHANY 3

## MORNING PRAISE SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

**The 1030 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.

Remember to take this service sheet and bulletin home with you when you leave and please recycle when you have finished with it.

### 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 99

### Hail to the Lord's anointed

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

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4. Kings shall bow down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing:  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

5. O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless name of love.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Music: Adapted from Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

By William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

*Please sit or kneel for our prayers*

## Confession

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

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 Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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**

## Hymn 494

### I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry;  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain;  
I have wept for love of them –  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone;  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them –  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts are satisfied;  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947)

## The Gospel – Matthew 4. 12-23

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

### Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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 621

## Dear Lord and Father of mankind

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

## 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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# PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

## 22 JANUARY 2023

**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**

*(excluding Bank Holidays)*

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 WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY WAR AND WHO CONTINUE TO BE AFFECTED BY CONFLICT**

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.

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**MIKE PEGG FRCO:** It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Mike Pegg. For many years he was a faithful servant of the Abbey, sharing his musical skills and talent as our Director of Music. Mike faithfully travelled in to Pershore every Sunday to be with us and was part of some significant musical events in the life of the Abbey, including a recording of BBC Songs of Praise. Mike retired at Easter in 2019. We give thanks to God for all that Mike did for us in the service of God's Church. Please remember Laurel and all the family in your prayers. Details of Mike's service will follow. *Claire*

## BULLETIN NOTICES

**PLEASE PICK UP A MONTHLY EDITION FOR ALL THE CURRENT NEWS, NOTICES & EVENTS**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 JANUARY - 25 JANUARY 2023:** This year's Community Unity Service is called "Do good: seek justice". It will be led by Pershore Community Church and will focus on social justice. Do join us for this service on **Sunday 22 January at 1500 at Abbey Park Middle School.**

**IONA SERVICE AT 1700 SUNDAY 22 JANUARY:** Everyone is very welcome to this small informal service in the Abbey and via Zoom, on the theme of '**Anna and Simeon: Passing on the Light**'. If you'd like a Zoom link for the service, please email Helen at [iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk](mailto:iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk) If you are joining in at home, you may like to have a candle handy.

**BENEFICE SERVICE 1030 29 JANUARY AT PERSHORE ABBEY:** We look forward to welcoming the congregations of all the churches that make up the Pershore Benefice to Pershore Abbey once again on **Sunday 29 January** for the 1030 Eucharist.

**APCM REPORTS ADVANCE NOTICE:** The Pershore Abbey APCM will be held on **2 May 2023**. If you have been asked to submit a report, please forward your contribution to the office **17 February 2023**. Many thanks.

### **ORGAN INSTALLATION - EFFECTS OF THE SCAFFOLDING ON PERSHORE ABBEY**

With the scaffolding now in place to allow for the installation of the new organ, a few things will be different for a while.

**LIVE STREAMING:** We are now very limited in what the cameras can see given the extent of the scaffolding. This means that we will broadcast only one shot for an entire service or still pictures with sound. Services will still be broadcast, and you will be able to hear them even if the pictures are limited. As they used to say, 'Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible'. In the meantime, we hope you can still enjoy our services while we get ready for the organ to be ready.

**FLOORING:** The floor of the Abbey has been covered in protective material for the installation of the scaffolding. We have decided that this temporary flooring will remain in place while work continues so that our main floor is safe. So please do be careful as some parts of the floor may be uneven.

**LIGHT LEVELS:** The light levels in the Abbey have been affected by the scaffolding, so it will be a little darker in the pews. Please bear with us through this period.

### **AND FINALLY . . .**

**CARNIVAL TIME!** It is that time of year again when thoughts turn to Pershore Carnival 2023. The theme this year is "Summer Holidays " and if you would like to join us either preparing costumes, props, or would simply like to join us in the procession on the day (Monday 29 May) then contact me via the Abbey Office. Alternatively we will be holding a planning meeting at the Three Springs Road Vicarage on 31 January 2023 at 1830 and we would be delighted if you could join us. *Beth Seale*

## ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

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 January - Epiphany 3**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Morning Praise with *LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Parish Communion (*St Mary's, Wick*)

15:00 CTiP Unity Service (*Abbey Park Middle School*)

17:00 Iona Service (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES TO BE HELD IN APSE AS NORMAL:**

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Matins

1700 Evening Prayer

### **Monday 23 January**

13:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing Group

(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Bell Ringing Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:45 Art & Craft (*St Andrew's Upper*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir

(*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Tuesday 24 January**

ALL DAY—Flagpole works (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:00 Birlingham PCC

11:00 Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:30 Mothers' Union AGM (*St Andrew's Main*)

19:15 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

### **Wednesday 25 January**

13:00 Craft & Chat (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:45 V&W (*Abbey, Choir Vestry*)

19:00 Pershore Town Choir (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:00 Vale Harmony (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Thursday 26 January**

12:00 Funeral Service for the late

Phyllis Milward (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

### **Friday 27 January**

09:30 Babies & Toddlers (*St Andrew's Main*)

13:00 Foodbank (*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Saturday 28 January**

10:00 Volunteer Coffee Morning

(*St Andrew's Main*)

### **Sunday 29 January - Candlemas**

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Benefice Sung Eucharist with  
*LIVESTREAM* (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:30 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)

**This service is being live streamed to the Abbey's YouTube Channel**

To find the recording please visit

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

**[Pershore Abbey Community on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8)**

If you have any queries or concerns please do speak to a sidesperson or churchwarden



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