

Welcome to Café Church Pershore Sunday 2 April 2023 – Palm Sunday

It's great to have you with us. Grab a coffee/tea/ juice and help yourself to some refreshments.

Feel free to let the kids play with the toys and do colouring. Don't worry about noise. God loves to hear the joy of his people, especially his young ones.

Our time is for around 45 minutes, and we hope you have a fab time.

Here is the order of service. You are invited to join in with the bits in bold.



Order of Service

Gathering

Let us worship God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.
Move among us
that we may behold your glory.
Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you.
Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

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.

Song – Jesus the King is Risen

We have a king who rides a donkey We have a king who rides a donkey We have a king who rides a donkey And his name is Jesus.

Chorus

Jesus the king is risen Jesus the king is risen Jesus the king is risen Early in the morning

Trees are waving a royal welcome Trees are waving a royal welcome Trees are waving a royal welcome For the king called Jesus (*Chorus*)

We have a king who cares for people We have a king who cares for people We have a king who cares for people and his name is Jesus: (Chorus)

What shall we do with our life this morning? What shall we do with our life this morning? What shall we do with our life this morning? Give it up in service! (Chorus)

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We say sorry to God for the things we get wrong.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The leader shares the assurance of God's forgiveness

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect- The Church's special prayer of the day.

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:

grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

Let's listen now to God's Word - Matthew 21: 1-11

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives. There Jesus sent two of the disciples on ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied up with her colt beside her. Untie them and bring them to me. And if anyone says anything, tell him, 'The Master needs them'; and then he will let them go at once. "This happened in order to make what the prophet had said come true: "Tell the city of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you! He is humble and rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." So, the disciples went and did what Jesus had told them to do: they brought the donkey and the colt, threw their cloaks over them, and Jesus got on. A large crowd of people spread their cloaks on the road while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds walking in front of Jesus and those walking behind began to shout, "Praise to David's Son! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was thrown into an uproar. "Who is he?" the people asked. "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee," the crowds answered.

Now sit back and listen to today's short talk.

We stand to affirm our faith in God and his goodness.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

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

We have a short time of prayer together.

After the main prayers we join together to say 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 for ever.
Amen.



Notices

Final Prayer

Living Lord, as we go out into the world, may we remember the events of this Holy Week. May we follow you to the cross and into the garden and share with you the joy of new life.

All: Amen.

Song – Make way

Make way, make way for Christ the King in splendour arrives, Fling wide the gates and welcome Him into your lives.

Chorus

Make way, (make way),
Make way, (make way),
for the King of kings, (for the King of kings).
Make way, (make way),
Make way, (make way),
and let His kingdom in.

He comes the broken hearts to heal the prisoners to free, The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see. *(Chorus)*

And those who mourn with heavy hearts, who weep and sigh.
With laughter, joy, and royal crown
He'll beautify. (Chorus)

We call you now to worship Him as Lord of all;
To have no gods before Him their thrones must fall! (Chorus)

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

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Cafe Church next date: 14 May 2023



Did you know we have a Children and Families worker here at Pershore Abbey?

Sam is now getting fully into her stride as Children and Families Worker for Pershore Abbey. If you would like to contact Sam about any aspect of her role or anything connected with the role, you contact her on her dedicated Children and Families email to ensure that she is able to respond to your enquiry promptly.

Sam's email address for all things connected with the role of Children and Families worker is:

 $\underline{candfw.pershoreabbey@gmail.com}.$

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 2 April

0800 BCP Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

0945 Café Church (St Andrew's Centre)

1000 Palm Sunday Procession on Abbey Park to Abbey. Meet at St Andrew's Road/Abbey Road crossroads. Come and join us singing and drumming to the Abbey.

1030 Sung Eucharist (Pershore Abbey) with LIVESTREAM

1030 Morning Praise (St James', Birlingham)

1700 Evensong (Pershore Abbey)

Monday in Holy Week 3 April

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.orq.uk for the invitation

Tuesday In Holy Week 4 April

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the invitation

Wednesday in Holy Week 5 April

1900 Compline (Zoom) Please contact Claire vicar@pershoreabbey.orq.uk for the invitation

Maundy Thursday 6 April

2000 Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altars

and the Office of Tenebrae (Pershore Abbey) with LIVESTREAM TO BE CONFIRMED This service will be approximately one and three-quarter hours and will be followed by the Watch until Midnight. You are welcome to leave after the Office of Tenebrae.

Good Friday 7 April

1000-1415 Children's Activities (5-10 years) (St Andrew's Centre)

No fee - donations welcome. Booking essential via Suzanne Clarke 01386 553293.

1015 Walk of Witness to Chapman Court followed by a short service at 1030.

Meet on the south side of the Abbey around the outdoor preaching cross.

1400 Service of the Last Hour (Pershore Abbey) with LIVESTREAM

1445 Bredon Hill Service at the Folly please contact the Bredon Group for details of this service on acbhteam@gmail.com

Holy Saturday 8 April

1700 Evening Prayer with Short Easter Vigil (Pershore Abbey)

This service will last approximately one hour.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Daily Offices will also continue to be observed as usual

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EASTER DAY **April 9 2023**



0600 Dawn Service and First Eucharist of Easter (Pershore Abbey)

followed by breakfast of boiled eggs and rolls at St Andrew's Centre. (Please bring an egg cup with you!)

0800 Eucharist (Pershore Abbey)

0900 Parish Communion (St Mary's, Wick)

1030 Sung Eucharist (Pershore Abbey) with LIVESTREAM

1030 Holy Communion (St James', Birlingham)

1030 Holy Communion (St Nicholas', Pinvin)

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HOLY WEEK COMPLINE BY ZOOM



Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday in Holy Week



1900 Online via Zoom

An opportunity to share in the quiet and peace of Compline during Holy Week, with a reflection

This half-hour night service will take place via Zoom

Please contact vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for the Zoom link each week

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GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAY



Friday 7 April 1000 -1415

St Andrew's Centre

Enjoy Easter themed activities and crafts including:

- Baking
- · Creating an Easter garden
- Telling the Easter story
 Making baskets

& much more . . .

Booking Essential

Spaces are limited so reserve your place from 20 March Booking and information: Suzanne Clarke on 01386 553293