



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 28 April 2024

EASTER 5

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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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 294

We love the place, O God

(QUAM DILECTA)

1 We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.

2 We love the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there
thy chosen flock to greet.

3 We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,
of comfort in the strife,
and joys that never cease.

4 We love to sing below
for mercies freely given;
but O we long to know
the triumph-song of heaven.

5 Lord Jesus, give us grace
on earth to love thee more,
in heaven to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.

[William Bullock(1798-1874)
Henry William Baker (1821-1877)]

Please sit or kneel for the Prayers of Penitence

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading: 1 John 4.7-21

A reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 35

A new commandment

*A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

1. By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.
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if you have love one for another.
2. You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.
You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.

3. I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you.
I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you.
4. True love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful;
love bears all things, love is eternal.
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Aniceto Nazareth
Arr. Andrew Moore

The Gospel – John 15.1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples .

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Please stand for our 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.

Please sit or kneel as we offer God our Prayers and Thanks

*At the end of each prayer when you hear 'God of love' 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 during which the collection will be taken:

Hymn 216

God is love, His the care

(PERSONENT HODIE)

*Sing aloud, loud, loud!
sing aloud, loud, loud!
God is good! God is truth!
God is beauty! Praise him!*

1 God is love: his the care,
tending each, ev'rywhere,
God is love, all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him!

3 Jesus lived on the earth,
hope and life brought to birth
and affirmed human worth,
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us.

2 None can see God above;
we can share life and love;
thus may we Godward move,
finding him in creation,
holding ev'ry nation.

4 To our Lord praise we sing,
light and life, friend and King,
coming down, love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty.

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

**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.

Organ Voluntary: Toccata—Suite Gothique—Leon Boellmann
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY 28 APRIL 2024

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, WEDNESDAY & 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 or leave a message on
01386 552071 and they will get back to you as soon as they can.**

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE MIDST OF CONFLICT TODAY, PRAYING ESPECIALLY FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE HOLY LAND. WE PRAY FOR LASTING PEACE.

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.

PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

IONA SERVICE FOCUS ON CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - SUNDAY 28 APRIL 1700: Find out about life in Burundi, which is this year's Christian Aid Week (12-18 May) theme. Using Christian Aid and Iona Community materials, we will hear the story of how Christian Aid funding helped a family build a better life in one of the poorest countries on Earth. Everyone is very welcome. If you would like to join by Zoom, please email Helen for a link: iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk

ABBEY APCM AND ST ANDREW'S AGM - ST ANDREW'S TUESDAY 7 MAY 1900: Elections of the Churchwardens and additional PCC members will take place at this meeting. Anyone wishing to be nominated for any of these roles should contact Sara Speed (PCC Secretary) on 01386 710776 for details. The APCM booklet is available on our website, please contact office@pershoreabbey.org.uk to receive a copy by email. Hardcopies can be obtained via Sara and a copy is available to view on the Abbey noticeboard.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE THURSDAY 9 MAY: We begin our Thy Kingdom Come journey with a special Eucharist at 1900 at Pershore Abbey, marking the moment Jesus ascended into heaven before his disciples at the village of Bethany near Jerusalem. All welcome.

NOVENA OF PRAYER 10 MAY-18 MAY: During this special nine day period of prayer 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 on any of the days please contact Claire on vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk for a Zoom link. Hardcopies of the Novena prayers are available at the back of our churches.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 4 MAY: Please come and bring family and friends to St Andrew's 1000-1200. There will be delicious refreshments, plants, bring and buy stall. Information about the envelope collection and packs for collectors will also be given out. *Sarah Thomson*

SAFEGUARDING QUESTIONNAIRE: Thank you to everyone who has completed the questionnaire. If you haven't yet done so, we encourage you to take a few minutes to do so, your views count! They are available here: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/worcester/>

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ABBEY & BENEFICE DIARY

Canon Claire's usual day off is Friday. Claire will not be available for commitments on this day.

Sunday 28 April - Easter 5

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

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

14:30 Service of Holy Baptism (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 29 April

09:30 Yoga Class (*St Andrew's Upper*)

10:00 PASA Meeting (*St Andrew's Main*)

12:00 Pinvin First School Church Visit

(*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

09:30 Private Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing

(*St Andrew's Main*)

18:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

19:00 Pershore Community Choir

(*St Andrew's Main*)

19:30 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

Tuesday 30 April

09:00 Visit of Canon Adrian Daffern

(*Pershore Abbey*)

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

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

Wednesday 01 May

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion

(*Pershore Abbey*)

11:30 Lunch Club (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:30 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:00 Funeral Service for the late

Melanie Scarrott (*Pershore Abbey*)

15:45 V&W (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

Thursday 02 May

09:45 iSing Choir (*St Andrew's Main*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

11:15 Private Tour (*Pershore Abbey*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 PODS Rehearsal (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Friday 03 May

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

11:00 Wedding Flower Prep (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 CTiP Food Bank (*St Andrew's Main*)

16:45 Wedding Rehearsal for William Leach and
Alison Sprague (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

19:30 Bells - Surprise Major (*St Andrew's*)

Saturday 04 May

10:30 PASA Coffee morning (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 Musicians' Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:00 Bell Ringing (*St Andrew's*)

13:00 Wedding Service for William Leach and
Alison Sprague (*Pershore Abbey*)

13:30 Private Hire (*St Andrew's Main*)

15:00 Wedding Service for Craig Foster and
Joanne Faulkner (*Pershore Abbey*)

Sunday 05 May—Easter 6 / Rogation Sunday

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Sung Eucharist with Fairtrade stall and
LIVESTREAM (*Pershore Abbey*)

10:30 Rogation Service at Orchard Farm

13:15 Breathworks Class (*St Andrew's Main*)

16:00 Evensong Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

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