



MORNING PRAISE

PERSHORE ABBEY

Sunday, 27 April 2025

EASTER 2

SERVICE SHEET, BULLETIN & DIARY

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Welcome and Introduction

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 CAHON 47 As we are gathered

As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
part of the body, the church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
one with each other, Jesus is here.

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, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

Reading: Acts 5. 27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 If Christ had not been raised from death
 our faith would be in vain,
 our preaching but a waste of breath,
 our sin and guilt remain.
 But now the Lord is risen indeed;
 he rules in earth and heaven:
 his gospel meets a world of need —
 in Christ we are forgiven.
- 2 If Christ still lay within the tomb
 then death would be the end,
 and we should face our final doom
 with neither guide nor friend.
 But now the Saviour is raised up,
 so when a Christian dies
 we mourn, yet look to God in hope —
 in Christ the saints arise!
- 3 If Christ had not been truly raised
 his Church would live a lie;
 his name should nevermore be praised,
 his words deserve to die.
 But now our great Redeemer lives;
 through him we are restored:
 his word endures, his Church revives
 in Christ, our risen Lord.

[Christopher Idle (b.1938)]

The Gospel – John 20. 19-end

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Please stand for our Affirmation of Faith

We say together:

**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.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were their hearts glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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 CAHON 336

I will enter his gates

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad,
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad,
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.**

**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 peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Organ Voluntary: Toccata in g—Theodore Dubois
The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

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PERSHORE ABBEY & BENEFICE BULLETIN & DIARY

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As a Kingdom People we are churches that seek to:

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

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weekday mornings from **0930 –1300**

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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 AND UKRAINE. 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.

If you need any help in accessing any of the online features mentioned in the service sheet or bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact the office or Canon Claire Lording for support.



PERSHORE BENEFICE BULLETIN NOTICES

FEBRUARY - UPDATE FROM CLAIRE: Thank you all for your continued prayers and good wishes. I have now started my post-surgery chemotherapy and am grateful that side effects seem to be minimal at the moment. I have had confirmation that my treatment should be finished by the end of June. Please continue to pray for me, for all being treated for cancer and all health professionals. *Claire*

TIME OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE - IONA SERVICE 1700 SUNDAY 27 APRIL: Provides space for reflection on what peace means, music and times of quiet prayer for areas of conflict around the world. Everyone is very welcome to join in the Abbey or by Zoom. If you'd like a link, please email Helen on iona@pershoreabbey.org.uk Please do bring along a prayer or poem for peace, a news story, or your favourite quote about what peace is. *Helen Oldham*

ORGAN RECITAL - 1400 SUNDAY 27 APRIL: Join Director of Music, James MacDowall-Scott for an enjoyable recital as he plays the organ at Pershore Abbey. Admission free with a retiring collection.

ABBEY APCM REPORT: The Abbey APCM report is now available on our website: www.pershoreabbey.org.uk If you would like a hardcopy, please order one via the Abbey Office.

ABBEY WALKING GROUP - 1400 SATURDAY 17 MAY: Come and join this new way of being Church! Meeting at the West end of the Abbey, we will take a gentle walk, stopping every now and then to think about God and explore what faith might mean. Refreshments will be available afterwards. All welcome, including four legged companions.



A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

Father in heaven, we praise your name
for all who have finished
this life loving and trusting you,
for the example of their lives,
the life and grace you gave them
and the peace in which they rest.

We praise you today for your servant Francis
and for all that you did through him.

Meet us in our sadness
and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving,
for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.



PLEASE SEE OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR FURTHER NOTICES

ABBAY & BENEFICE DIARY

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

Sunday 27 April - Easter 2

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

14:00 Pianoscapes (*St Andrew's Main*)

14:00 Organ Recital (*Pershore Abbey*)

17:00 Iona Worship (*Pershore Abbey*)

PERSHORE ABBEY DAILY OFFICES

0800 Silent Prayer

0830 Morning Prayer

1700 Evening Prayer

Monday 28 April

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

10:00 U3A Ukelele Group (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:30 Bells - FOM Quarter Peal (*St Andrew's*)

13:15 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Main*)

16:30 Flute and Keyboard Concert
(*St Andrew's Main*)

16:00 PUC Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

19:00 Art & Craft for Wellbeing (*St Andrew's Upper*)

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

Tuesday 29 April

09:30 Arrival of Foodbank Staff (*St Andrew's Main*)

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

15:00 H&S Meeting (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Wednesday 30 April

10:00 Midweek Holy Communion (*Pershore Abbey*)

11:00 Pershore High School Visit
(*Pershore Abbey*)

12:00 Organ Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Thursday 01 May

09:45 i-Sing Choir Rehearsal (*St Andrew's Main*)

10:00 V&W (*Vicar's Vestry*)

11:00 Eucharist (*Ganderton Court*)

14:15 Intercessory Prayer (*Pershore Abbey*)

Friday 02 May

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

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

16:00 Wedding Rehearsal (*Pershore Abbey*)

18:00 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

Saturday 03 May

12:00 Wedding of Sam Riley and Sian Hall
(*Pershore Abbey*)

13:00 Private Ring Blessing (*Pershore Abbey*)

16:00 Private Party (*St Andrew's*)

17:30 Private Party Use (*St Andrew's Upper*)

Sunday 04 May - Easter 3

08:00 Eucharist (*Pershore Abbey*)

09:15 Choir Practice (*Pershore Abbey*)

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

10:30 Holy Communion (*St Nicholas, Pinvin*)

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

17:00 Evensong (*Pershore Abbey*)

