

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, Brentor

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# Morning Prayer for Passiontide

We warmly welcome everyone to our church

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## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

**All** your saving power among the nations.

## A time of confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All** Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,  
and restore *us* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## A Song of Lamentation

- 1 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? ♦  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
- 2 Which was brought upon me, ♦  
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.
- 3 For these things I weep;  
my eyes flow with tears; ♦  
for a comforter is far from me,  
one to revive my courage.

- 4 Remember my affliction and my bitterness, ♦  
the wormwood and the gall!
- 5 But this I call to mind, ♦  
and therefore I have hope:
- 6 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, ♦  
his mercies never come to an end;
- 7 They are new every morning; ♦  
great is your faithfulness.
- 8 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, ♦  
'therefore I will hope in him.'
- 9 The Lord is good to those who wait for him, ♦  
to the soul that seeks him.
- 10 It is good that we should wait quietly ♦  
for the salvation of the Lord.
- 11 For the Lord will not reject for ever; ♦  
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,
- 12 According to the abundance of his steadfast love; ♦  
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

*Lamentations 1.12,16a,b; 3.19,21-26,31-33*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## The Word of God

### Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; ♦  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 But there is forgiveness with you, ♦  
so that you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ♦  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than the night watch for the morning, ♦  
more than the night watch for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦  
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him is plenteous redemption ♦  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sin

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen**

### Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

#### The Valley of Dry Bones

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with

skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

<sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD

**Responsory:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

**All by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

**All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

We preach Christ crucified,  
the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**All By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God forbid that I should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;**

**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

*cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6*

**Talk:** Hope in isolation



*The Apostles creed*

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**Prayers for our community, our nation and the world**

**Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
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 our Lord.

**All Amen**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

### **The Conclusion**

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,  
set us free to serve him with joy.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**



**Please pray** for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers: Mick, Dorothy, Frankie and Sally, Chris Vigers, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Sheila Weston, Heather & John, and Jimmy Hubbard.

**Please pray** for the souls of the recently departed, especially John, their families and friends.

### **Your prayers this week are asked for:**

- Mon** Ongoing prayers for the NHS staff and key workers constantly placing themselves in the frontline.
- Tues** Families coping with restricted routines at home and learning new skills in home schooling.
- Wed** All those people in tower blocks especially those with no garden or balcony and others without a garden.
- Thurs** Prayers for the world as it works together to combat the Coronavirus.
- Fri** Christians in every community around the world praying for Kindness and neighbourly love.
- Sat** Thanks for the businesses diversifying to build more ventilators.

*Donations to support the upkeep of the building and the work of the church are welcome. If you would like to make a regular donation, please see either David or Helen about the parish giving scheme.*

