

BRENTOR CHURCH

24th May 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Family Service

Led by Sally and Christopher Pancheri



We warmly welcome
everyone joining our service

Welcome.....

As we gather together.....

Lord of all glory, we come before you seeking your wisdom,
that we may glorify you through our thinking; seeking your love,
that we may glorify you through our emotions;
seeking your strength,
that we may glorify you at all times;
seeking your perseverance,
that we may glorify you in all places.
Show us how to live,
that our lives shine with your glory,
and those who encounter us may know you
and that you are at work in your world.

Amen.

Song –Bless the Lord O My Soul

The special prayer for today...

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.

Amen.

We say sorry to God....

When our actions are not loving,
and we think of just ourselves –
your name is not glorified.

Forgive us, God of Glory.

When our words bring hurt to others
and we do not even notice –
your name is not glorified.

Forgive us, God of Glory.

When the way we live is selfish
and we find no time for you –
your name is not glorified.

Forgive us, God of Glory.

When we do not see you or reveal your love –
your name is not glorified.

Forgive us, God of Glory.

Forgive and renew us,
and let your glory be seen in our lives.

Amen.

Minister:

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us Holy to serve him in the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Song- All Heaven Declares.

We listen to our Bible readings....

First Reading- Acts 1:6-14 New Living Translation (NLT)

The Ascension of Jesus

⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰ As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile. ¹³ When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying.

Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the zealot), and Judas (son of James). ¹⁴ They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

Second reading- John 17:1-11 New Living Translation (NLT)

The Prayer of Jesus

¹⁷ After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory

back to you. ²For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. ³And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. ⁴I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.

⁶“I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, ⁸for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

⁹“My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. ¹⁰All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory. ¹¹Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are.

A short talk.....

We say what we believe together:

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was died and was buried.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the forgiveness of sins,
And life everlasting.
Amen.**

Song- Jesus is Lord, Creations Voice Proclaims it.

We come to a time of prayer.....

We 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.**

Song- Forth in the Peace of Christ I go.

A prayer to take us out into the world....

Go into the world to show God's glory,
and may you always know God's blessing
and God's peace.

Amen.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the world

All: in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

A prayer to use at the start of each day this week...

Lord, may your glory be seen in what I do and who I am.
Amen.



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 Vigars, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Heather & John, Sally and Jimmy Hubbard, and Mark and Kelly and family.

Please pray for the souls of the recently departed, their family and friends.

Your prayers this week are asked for:

- Mon** All those around the world trying to build a new normal.
- Tues** Thinking of all the NHS and Key workers still away from their families.
- Wed** People struggling with money worries and unemployment.
- Thurs** Thanks for all the heroes and volunteers.
- Fri** The farmers trying to harvest their crops.
- Sat** All those finding solace in our countryside and St Michael's

Next week-

- 9:45am Holy Communion with the Reverend Tony Vigars

Notices- 31st May 2020- 'Thy Kingdom Come' global prayer movement.



Prayer

Unity