

# BRENTOR CHURCH

9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Prayer and Praise

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*But Jesus immediately said to them:*

*"Take courage!  
It is I.  
Don't Be Afraid."*

*Matthew 14:27*



Jesus said: 'Take courage, it is I. Don't be afraid.'  
Our God is a powerful God,  
who does things way beyond our understanding.  
But we have no need to fear,  
for we know we are safe in God's presence.  
Let us come to our God now.  
Let us bow down and worship.  
Amen.

*Song:* Will your anchor hold in the storms of life

### **A gathering prayer**

Lord, sometimes life following you can be difficult.  
We find so many dilemmas and struggle so much,  
wishing it could be easier.  
We so want to trust you and see your plan for us.

We warmly welcome everyone  
joining our service

Help us this morning to relax into your presence,  
to clearly hear your word and be prepared to act on it.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### A prayer of confession

Lord God, I'm sorry for the times I take my eyes off you,  
and seek to do things in my own strength. I'm sorry for the times I  
doubt that  
you can keep me on the straight and narrow. I'm sorry for the times  
I ask you for signs. Lord, I pray that you will forgive my doubts and  
hesitations,  
show me your loving presence, especially when I most need it,  
and teach me to trust you at all times.

Amen.

### Absolution (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.

**God of the earth and the waves,  
we praise you that you more than meet all our needs.  
You call us out from our security  
to experience your adventures and blessings.**

**You don't want us to be like a becalmed ship,  
or stuck in the harbour.**

**You want us out in deep water –  
and you'll be with us.**

**We praise you, Lord.**

Amen.

*Song:* Be still for the presence of the Lord

### Psalm 85. 8-13

**I listen carefully to what God the LORD is saying,  
for he speaks peace to his faithful people.**

**But let them not return to their foolish ways.**

<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
so our land will be filled with his glory.

<sup>10</sup> **Unfailing love and truth have met together.  
Righteousness and peace have kissed!**

<sup>11</sup> Truth springs up from the earth,  
and righteousness smiles down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> **Yes, the LORD pours down his blessings.  
Our land will yield its bountiful harvest.**

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness goes as a herald before him,  
preparing the way for his steps.

### Reading: Matthew 14. 22-33

#### Jesus Walks on Water

**22** Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back  
into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the  
people home. **23** After sending them home, he went up into the hills  
by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

**24** Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a  
strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. **25** About  
three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the  
water. **26** When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they  
were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

**27** But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take  
courage. I am here!"

**28** Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”

**29** “Yes, come,” Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. **30** But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.

**31** Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”

**32** When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. **33** Then the disciples worshiped him. “You really are the Son of God!” they exclaimed.

## Short Talk

*Song:* Eternal Father, Strong to Save

### The Creed

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
But made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

### Prayers

#### 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:* Will You Come and Follow Me

### A sending out prayer

Peter only knew life as a fisherman.

But he got out of the boat and followed you, Lord.

Help us to hear your voice,

get out of our boats and follow you.

In the week ahead,

may the world and its problems decrease

as you increase in our lives.

Keep us focused on your way,

looking ahead and trusting you.

**Amen.**

Blessing.

Let us Bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,**

**here and everywhere,**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen**



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the wind stopped.  
Then the disciples worshiped him.  
"You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.  
Matthew 14: 32-33

**Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers:**

Mick, Sallie, Chris Vigers, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Heather, Sally and Jimmy Hubbard, Mark and Kelly and family, Edward Walter, Michael, Jim Friend, Andrew, Lydia, Jo H and Margaret.

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

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

**Mon-** The aftermath of the explosion in Beirut, lives lost and those injured.

**Tues-** All those travelling either on holiday or for work.

**Wed-** People adapting to new ways of keeping each other safe.

**Thurs-** Young carers coping with enormous responsibilities.

**Fri-** All those around the world who struggle for survival.

**Sat-** Christians around the world praying for humanity.

**This Evening:**

**6pm-** Evensong at St Michael's with Dr Hazel Butland

**Next week:**

**9:45-** Christ Church- Holy Communion with the Reverend Tony Vigers

**6pm-** Evening Prayer at St Michael's with Dr David Harris

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