



## Evening Prayer at St Michael's, Brentor

### Opening Hymn: I come with Joy

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

- 5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

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### Preparation

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you

**All: and also with you**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us

**All: Let us rejoice and sing God's praises for ever.**

### Minister:

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

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: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

May the God of love and power forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins, heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit, and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessed are you, sovereign God, our light and our salvation: to you be glory and praise for ever. You led your people to freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

May we who walk in the light of your presence acclaim your Christ, rising victorious, as he banishes all darkness from our hearts and minds. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3: v5-12**

<sup>10</sup> When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, (fame due to the name of the Lord), she came to test him with hard questions. <sup>2</sup> She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. <sup>3</sup> Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. <sup>4</sup> When the queen of Sheba had observed all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, <sup>5</sup> the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his valets, and his burnt-offerings that he offered at the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her.

<sup>6</sup> So she said to the king, 'The report was true that I heard in my own land of your accomplishments and of your wisdom, <sup>7</sup> but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. Not even half had been told me; your wisdom and prosperity far surpass the report that I had heard. <sup>8</sup> Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants, who continually attend you and hear your wisdom! <sup>9</sup> Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel for ever, he has made you king to execute justice and righteousness.' <sup>10</sup> Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, a great quantity of spices, and precious stones; never again did spices come

in such quantity as that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a great quantity of almug wood and precious stones. <sup>12</sup> From the almug wood the king made supports for the house of the Lord, and for the king's house, lyres also and harps for the singers; no such almug wood has come or been seen to this day.

### **Psalms 80: v1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

**<sup>2</sup> before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

**Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**<sup>4</sup> O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**<sup>6</sup> You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.**

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**<sup>8</sup> You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

### **Second Reading: Luke 13: 18-21**

<sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life,

which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’<sup>30</sup> So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?’<sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”<sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’<sup>34</sup> They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

### **The Magnificat (The Song of Mary):**

<sup>1</sup> My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour: he has looked with favour on his lowly servant

<sup>2</sup> From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

<sup>3</sup> He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

<sup>4</sup> He has shown strength with his arm and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

<sup>5</sup> Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

<sup>6</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>7</sup> he has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy.

<sup>8</sup> The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.

*(Luke 1.46-55)*

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 sermon*



### **The 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**

*Intercessions are offered*

Lord in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

### **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.**

### **The Grace**

**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**

**Closing Hymn: O Jesus I Have Promised**

**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 and Jo H.

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

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

**Mon-** People waiting for tests and afraid.

**Tues-** Those who serve seafarers.

**Wed-** The staff at the testing centres and Test and Trace callers.

**Thurs-** All those who work to distribute food and supplies to us.

**Fri-** Our brothers and sisters in our paired diocese of Melanesia.

**Sat-** Those isolated and missing loved ones.