

BRENTOR CHURCH

28th February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Family Service

Led by

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We warmly welcome everyone joining
our service

Welcome

The Greeting

‘What does the Lord require of us? To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.’
Micah 6.8

Opening Prayer

All: God of our days and years, we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our lives
may glorify you. Amen.

We listen to a song: Yet not I but through Christ in me

- 1 What gift of grace, is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His!
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, all is mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
- 2 The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on, in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
- 3 No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now, and ever is my plea!
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

- 4 With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said, that He will bring me home.
And day by day, I know He will renew me,
Until I stand, with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory, evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

We say sorry to God

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All: Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All: Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

All: Lord, hear us and help us.

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

All: Amen.

We read from the Bible

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, The Sign of the Covenant

17 ¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Psalm 22:23-31

- ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- ²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.
- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live for ever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
- ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.
- ³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
- ³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

We listen to a song: Jesus is Lord

1 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaim it,
For by his power each tree and flower was planned and
made.

Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!

Praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!

2 Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
In flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
Yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free

Jesus is Lord!...

3 Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
From death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord!... Jesus is Lord!...

Mark 8:31-38, Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

8 ³¹Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and

take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Short talk

we think about what the readings mean to us today

We affirm our faith

**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

***We listen to a song:* Be Still for the Presence of the Lord**

1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.

in Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;

be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

We pray for the world and our communities

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Minister: Merciful Father,

All: Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The prayer for today

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of
your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.

***We listen to a song:* We are marching in the light of God**

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching, marching,

We are marching in the light of God!

A final prayer

In darkness and in light,

in trouble and in joy,

help us, heavenly Father,

to trust your love,

to serve your purpose,

and to praise your name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Grace

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God be
with us all for evermore. Amen**



Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers: Chris Vigars, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Edward Walter, Lydia, Margaret, Lin Bristow, and Tom.

Please pray for the souls of the recently departed, especially Mick Biggs, former churchwarden of this parish, their families and friends.

Your prayers this Fairtrade week are asked for:

Mon- All farmers and workers growing fair trade crops

Tues- All those people working to pack and market fair trade food

Wed- Those involved in shipping and distributing fair trade products

Thurs- The retailers who choose to sell fair trade goods

Fri- All the trade negotiators seeking a fairer deal for all

Sat- All those people who choose to buy fair trade products

Next Week:

9:45: Holy Communion with Rev Chris Hardwick.

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