

St Michael's, Brentor

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Evensong

*Led by the Reverend Dr Hazel
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*We warmly welcome everyone
Joining our service*

A SERVICE OF EVENSONG

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER



Welcome

First Song: How Great Thou Art

The leader may begin with some words of Scripture.

Leader: DEARLY beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

ALL: ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may

hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Leader: Grant we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ALL: OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: O Lord, open thou our lips.

All: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Leader: Praise ye the Lord.

All: The Lord's Name be praised.

The Psalm: 119

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

²**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

³There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶**Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸**the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;

the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**

¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Magnificat, or Song of Mary

**MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**

**For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.**

**For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :**

and holy is his Name.

**And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.**

He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Mark 1:1-15

¹ The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,”

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of *repentance* for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “He who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The Nunc Dimittis, or Song of Simeon

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace;
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

The Apostle’s Creed

All: I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Leader: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All: And grant us thy salvation.

Leader: O Lord, save the Queen.

All: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Leader: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Leader: O Lord, save thy people.

All: And bless thine inheritance.

Leader: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the Day

The Second Collect

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils:

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Sermon


Intercessions

Leader: Merciful Father:

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

Conclusion

All: 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



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, Tom, Sally and Beryl.

Please pray for the souls of the recently departed, especially Elizabeth Hodge, her family and friends.

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon- The countries around the world whose COVID cases are uncontrollable.

Tues- All the businesses slowly opening and adjusting.

Wed- Hope for the future of renewable energies.

Thurs- All those still struggling with the long COVID and hope for further medical advances to help.

Fri- Those living on the streets in this country and abroad.

Sat- The faith of those in our church communities working together.

Next Week:

9:45: at Christ Church- Holy Communion with the Very Reverend Dr Chris Hardwick

6pm: at St Michael's Brentor- Evening Prayer with the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland

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