



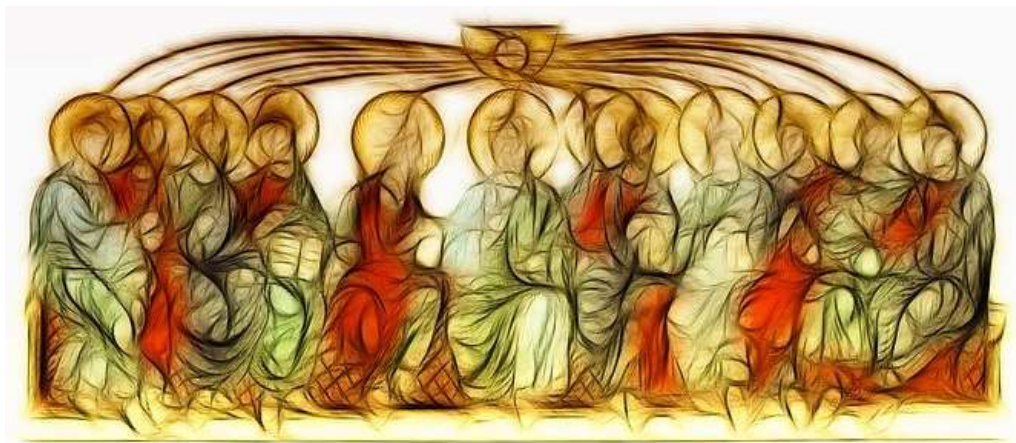
*St Michael's, Brentor*

*23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021*

## *Pentecost- Evensong*

*Led by the Reverend*

*Dr Hazel Butland*



**We warmly welcome everyone  
joining our service**

### **FOLLOWING THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**



***Hymn: Come Down O Love Divine***

***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. and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. 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 [after 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***

#### **Psalm 139: v1-11**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"

### ***The Old Testament Reading***

#### **Ezekiel 36: v22-28**

<sup>22</sup>Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup>I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. <sup>28</sup>Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your 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***

***Acts 2: v22-38***

<sup>22</sup> “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.”’

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them,

“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

***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***

God, who as at this time, taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant that by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***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***

***Hymn: Spirit of the Living God***

### ***Intercessions***

***Hymn: Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind***

### ***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, Beryl, Nick H, Peter Cameron, Dave, David Harris, Mike and Natasha Brenchley.

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

**Please pray** for Johanna and Chris who were married in Brentor last week, and for Angela and Paul.



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

**Mon-** Hope for the Israel- Gaza ceasefire.

**Tues-** The continuing fight against the COVID pandemic, especially India.

**Wed-** Continuation of the vaccine rollout.

**Thurs-** Hope for the continuing lifting of the restrictions in the near future.

**Fri-** Volunteers and charities building back up to help others.

**Sat-** Christians celebrating Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### **Next Week:**

**9:45:** at Christ Church- Morning Prayer with Mrs Wendy Roderick

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

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