



Evening Prayer at St Michael's, Brentor

27th June 2021

Led by Churchwarden David Harris

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.

Hymn: Amazing Grace

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: Jeremiah 11: v1-14

11 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ³You shall say to them, Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Cursed be anyone who does not heed the words of this covenant, ⁴which I commanded your ancestors when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron-smelter, saying, Listen to my voice, and do all that I command you. So shall you be my people, and I will be your God, ⁵that I may perform the oath that I swore to your ancestors, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this day. Then I answered, "So be it, LORD."

⁶And the LORD said to me: Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: Hear the words of this covenant and do them. ⁷For I solemnly warned your ancestors when I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, warning them persistently, even to this day, saying, Obey my voice. ⁸Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone walked in the stubbornness of an evil will. So I brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did not.

⁹And the LORD said to me: Conspiracy exists among the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁰They have turned back to the iniquities of their ancestors of old, who refused to heed my words; they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken the covenant that I made with their ancestors. ¹¹Therefore, thus says the LORD, assuredly I am going to bring disaster upon them that they cannot escape; though they cry out to me, I will not listen to them. ¹²Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they make offerings, but they will never save them in the time of their trouble. ¹³For your gods have become as many as your towns, O Judah; and as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars to shame you have set up, altars to make offerings to Baal.

¹⁴As for you, do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer on their behalf, for I will not listen when they call to me in the time of their trouble.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 53

¹Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, they commit abominable acts; there is no one who does good.

²God looks down from heaven on humankind

to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

³They have all fallen away, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

⁴Have they no knowledge, those evildoers,

who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?

⁵There they shall be in great terror, in terror such as has not been.

For God will scatter the bones of the ungodly;

they will be put to shame, for God has rejected them.

⁶O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

When God restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

New Testament reading: Romans 13: v1-10

13:¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists

authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; ⁴ for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. ⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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Hymn: Brother, Sister, Let me Serve You

The Lord is my light and my salvation: The Lord is the strength of my life.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation: The Lord is the strength of my life.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: The Lord is the strength of my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation: The Lord is the strength of my life.

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary):

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

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

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

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

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

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

8 The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

Talk

Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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.

Hymn: And Can It Be

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