



St Michael's, Brentor

20th June 2021

Evensong

Led by the Reverend

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**We warmly welcome everyone
joining our service**

Welcome

The leader may begin with some words of Scripture.

HYMN- Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.
- 3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.
- 4 Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

Leader: DEARLY beloved brethren, 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.

Psalm 84

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

² **My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴ **Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ **As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

⁷ They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸ **O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

⁹ Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰ **For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favour and honour.

No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹² **O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

Old Testament reading: Jeremiah 10: v1-16

10 Hear the word that the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel. ² Thus says the LORD:

Do not learn the way of the nations, or be dismayed at the signs of the heavens;

for the nations are dismayed at them.

³ For the customs of the peoples are false:

a tree from the forest is cut down, and worked with an axe by the hands of an artisan; ⁴ people deck it with silver and gold;

they fasten it with hammer and nails so that it cannot move.

⁵ Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field,

and they cannot speak; they have to be carried, for they cannot walk.

Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, nor is it in them to do good.

⁶ There is none like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is great in might.

⁷ Who would not fear you, O King of the nations?

For that is your due; among all the wise ones of the nations

and in all their kingdoms there is no one like you.

⁸ They are both stupid and foolish;

the instruction given by idols is no better than wood!

⁹ Beaten silver is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz.

They are the work of the artisan and of the hands of the goldsmith;

their clothing is blue and purple; they are all the product of skilled workers.

¹⁰ But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King.

At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.

¹¹ Thus shall you say to them: The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens.

¹² It is he who made the earth by his power,

who established the world by his wisdom,

and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.

¹³ When he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens,

and he makes the mist rise from the ends of the earth.

He makes lightnings for the rain, and he brings out the wind from his storehouses.

¹⁴ Everyone is stupid and without knowledge;

goldsmiths are all put to shame by their idols; for their images are false,

and there is no breath in them.

¹⁵ They are worthless, a work of delusion; at the time of their punishment

they shall perish. ¹⁶ Not like these is the LORD, the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the LORD of hosts is his name.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to 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: Romans 11: v25-36

²⁵ So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

“Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;

he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.”

²⁷ “And this is my covenant with them,

when I take away their sins.”

²⁸ As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

³³ O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counsellor?"

³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?"

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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.**

HYMN- All I Once Held Dear

- 1 All I once held dear,
Built my life upon,
All this world reveres,
And wars to own,
All I once thought gain
I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now,
Compared to this.
*Knowing You, Jesus,
knowing You,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all,
You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You, Lord.*
- 2 Now my heart's desire
Is to know You more,
To be found in You
And known as Yours.
To possess by faith
What I could not earn,
All-surpassing gift
Of righteousness.
Chorus
- 3 Oh, to know the power
Of Your risen life,
And to know You in
Your sufferings.
To become like You
In Your death, my Lord,
So with You to live
And never die.
Chorus

Sermon

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

HYMN- To God be the Glory

- 1 To God be the glory
Great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
Come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son
Give Him the glory
Great things He has done*
- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
Come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son,
Give Him the glory
Great things He has done*
- 3 Great things He has taught us, great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice

Come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son,
Give Him the glory
Great things He has done

HYMN- Who Would True Valour See

1 Who would true valour see,
let him come hither;
one here will constant be,
come wind, come weather;
there's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

2 Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound;
his strength the more is,
No lion can him fright;
he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have the right
to be a pilgrim.

3 Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt his spirit;
he knows he at the end
shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, fly away;
he'll not fear what men say;
he'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.



Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers: Chris Vigers, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Edward Walter, Lydia, Margaret, Lin Bristow, Beryl, Nick H, Peter Cameron, Dave, and Natasha Brenchley.

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

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon- Patience from people frustrated with further restrictions.

Tues- Medical professionals still battling with COVID related conditions.

Wed- All volunteers and charities trying to safely make a difference.

Thurs- Businesses waiting again for the next announcement reducing restrictions.

Fri- Hope for more freedom over the summer.

Sat- Christians unable to freely worship around the World.

Next Week:

9:45: at Christ Church- Family Service with the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland

6pm: at St Michael's Brentor- Evensong with David Harris

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