

BRENTOR CHURCH

13th June 2021

2nd Sunday After Trinity

Prayer and Praise

Led by Sally and
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We warmly welcome everyone
joining our service

Welcome

Creator God,
we bring to you all that is growing within us:
for you to bless and nurture.
We bring our prayers for the spread of your kingdom:
for you to bless and nurture.
We bring the initiatives for justice multiplying among nations:
for you to bless and nurture.
We bring the hopes and dreams, tiny and big,
of all your children around the world:
for you to bless and nurture.
In Jesus' name. **Amen.**
God of mystery,
Sower, Saviour, Spirit,
we worship you;
and we ask you to give us:
eyes to notice where the seeds of your kingdom are growing,
courage to show them to others,
faith enough to help nurture them,
and a heart that delights in their harvest. **Amen.**

Song. Hosanna: Praise is Rising

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You,
we turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You,
we long for You,
'Cause when we see You we find strength
to face the day.
And in Your presence all our fears
are washed away,
Washed away.
Hosanna, Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,
we turn to You.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make all things new.
'Cause when we see You we find strength

to face the day.
And in Your presence all our fears
are washed away,
Washed away.
Hosanna, Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us,
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Song. Build your Kingdom here

Special prayer for today

All Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

Amen.

Minister

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17.

6 So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. ⁷ For we live by believing and not by seeing. ⁸ Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

¹⁴ Either way, Christ's love controls us.^[a] Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.^[b] ¹⁵ He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! ¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92

¹ It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to the Most High.

² **It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening,**

³ accompanied by a ten-stringed instrument, a harp,
and the melody of a lyre.

⁴ **You thrill me, LORD, with all you have done for me!
I sing for joy because of what you have done.**

¹² But the godly will flourish like palm trees
and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon.

¹³ **For they are transplanted to the LORD's own house.**

They flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴ Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green.

¹⁵ **They will declare, “The LORD is just!
He is my rock!
There is no evil in him!”**

Song: God is Working His Purpose Out.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. ²⁸ The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. ²⁹ And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come.”

Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ Jesus said, “How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, ³² but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade.”

³³ Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand. ³⁴ In fact, in his public ministry he never taught without using parables; but afterward, when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

Talk

Reflection: How Great Thou Art

Jyoti Sahi (b.1944)

Oil on canvas, laid down on board

This week we explore the environment in which God's kingdom values flourish.



What we believe

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Time of Prayer

Focusing on G7 summit and Refugee Week.

The response:

Lord, hear your people

All and answer our prayers.

Merciful Father,

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



The Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Song. We are Marching in the Light of God.

Going out to serve God

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.

Amen.

The Grace

May 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 Vigers, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Edward Walter, Lydia, Margaret, Lin Bristow, Tom, Sally, Beryl, Nick H, Peter Cameron, Dave, David Harris, Natasha Brenchley.

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

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon- Hopefully positive outcomes from the G7 Summit.

Tues- Families around the world living in conflicts and wars.

Wed- Those seeking work or changing employment.

Thurs- Businesses recovering following the lockdown.

Fri- Those struggling with Mental Health issues.

Sat- Faith and belief supporting others.

This Evening:

6pm: at St Michael's Brentor- Evensong with Mrs Liz Bastin

Next Week:

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

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

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