

A SERVICE OF EVENSONG

St Michael's, Brentor

25th July 2021

Led by The Reverend Rosie Illingworth



Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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: 94

¹ O LORD, you God of vengeance,
you God of vengeance, shine forth!

² **Rise up, O judge of the earth;
give to the proud what they deserve!**

³ O LORD, how long shall the wicked,
how long shall the wicked exult?

⁴ **They pour out their arrogant words;
all the evildoers boast.**

⁵ They crush your people, O LORD,
and afflict your heritage.

⁶ **They kill the widow and the stranger,
they murder the orphan,**

⁷ and they say, "The LORD does not see;
the God of Jacob does not perceive."

⁸ **Understand, O dullest of the people;
fools, when will you be wise?**

⁹ He who planted the ear, does he not hear?
He who formed the eye, does he not see?

¹⁰ **He who disciplines the nations,
he who teaches knowledge to humankind,
does he not chastise?**

¹¹ The LORD knows our thoughts,
that they are but an empty breath.

¹² **Happy are those whom you discipline, O LORD,
and whom you teach out of your law,**

¹³ giving them respite from days of trouble,
until a pit is dug for the wicked.

¹⁴ **For the LORD will not forsake his people;
he will not abandon his heritage;**

¹⁵ for justice will return to the righteous,
and all the upright in heart will follow it.

16 Who rises up for me against the wicked?

Who stands up for me against evildoers?

¹⁷ If the LORD had not been my help,
my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.

**18 When I thought, “My foot is slipping,”
your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.**

¹⁹ When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul.

**20 Can wicked rulers be allied with you,
those who contrive mischief by statute?**

²¹ They band together against the life of the righteous,
and condemn the innocent to death.

**22 But the LORD has become my stronghold,
and my God the rock of my refuge.**

²³ He will repay them for their iniquity
and wipe them out for their wickedness;
the LORD our God will wipe them out.

**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: Jeremiah 25: v1-15

26 At the beginning of the reign of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came from the LORD: ² Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD; speak to them all the words that I command you; do not hold back a word. ³ It may be that they will listen, all of them, and will turn from their evil way, that I may change my mind about the disaster that I intend to bring on them because of their evil doings. ⁴ You shall say to them: Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵ and to heed the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently—though you have not heeded— ⁶ then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.

⁷ The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸ And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “It is the LORD who sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and

the LORD will change his mind about the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, here I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

The Song of Mary: Tell Out My Soul

New Testament Reading: John 6 v1-21

⁶ After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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: God is Working His Purpose Out

Sermon

Intercessions

Hymn: Immortal, Invisible

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 Vigers, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Edward Walter, Lydia, Margaret, Lin Bristow, Beryl, Nick H, Peter Cameron, Dave, Natasha Brenchley, Cherry and Hilary, and Paul Edward Sheather.

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

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon- All those breaking up from Schools and Colleges for the summer holidays.

Tues- All those around the world without enough to eat. Thanks for the Food Bank volunteers in our Country.

Wed- Fears for wildfires and barn fires following the hot weather.

Thurs- The people going away or staying at home keeping safe.

Fri- Hope for a reduction in numbers of COVID infections.

Sat- The Church communities around the country opening up with singing and greater gatherings.

Next Week:

9:45: at Christ Church- Holy Communion with the Reverend Tony Vigers

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

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