

BRENTOR CHURCH

11th July 2021

6th Sunday After Trinity

Prayer and Praise

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We warmly welcome everyone
joining our service

Welcome

Prayer

As we come together today,
let us be mindful of our words and actions
and the impact they have on those around us.
Let us seek God's wisdom and love
to guide us in all that we seek to do,
today and in days to come.

Amen.

Almighty God, we praise you
that you show us how to use power wisely.
Help us, as we worship together,
to learn more of your ways,
to understand that our actions have consequences,
and to seek your wisdom in making decisions
that may impact on others.
This we ask in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Song: The Servant King

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life, that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now, to follow him,
To bring our lives, as a daily offering,
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear,
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will, but yours' he said.

This is our God...

Come, see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails, surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives, enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

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July 11 Benedict of Nursia, Father of Western Monasticism, c.550.

Eternal God, who made Benedict a wise master in the school of your service and a guide to many called into community to follow the rule of Christ; grant that we may put your love before all else and seek with joy the way of your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation; Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid; Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice; Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others; Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves; Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

Amen.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins

and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song: Jesus is Lord, creation's voice proclaims it.

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
For by his power, each tree and flower, was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!

Praise him with Hallelujahs, for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
In flesh he came, to die in pain, on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
Yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free:

Jesus is Lord!...

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
From death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends his holy Spirit
To show by works of power, that Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord!...

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Old Testament Reading: Amos 7. 7-15 NLT

A Vision of a Plumb Line

⁷ Then he showed me another vision. I saw the Lord standing beside a wall that had been built using a plumb line. He was using a plumb line to see if it was still straight. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

I answered, "A plumb line."

And the Lord replied, "I will test my people with this plumb line. I will no longer ignore all their sins. ⁹ The pagan shrines of your ancestors will be ruined, and the temples of Israel will be destroyed; I will bring the dynasty of King Jeroboam to a sudden end."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam, king of Israel: "Amos is hatching a plot against you right here on your very doorstep! What he is saying is intolerable. ¹¹ He is saying, 'Jeroboam will soon be killed, and the people of Israel will be sent away into exile.'"

¹² Then Amaziah sent orders to Amos: "Get out of here, you prophet! Go on back to the land of Judah, and earn your living by prophesying there! ¹³ Don't bother us with your prophecies here in Bethel. This is the king's sanctuary and the national place of worship!"

¹⁴ But Amos replied, "I'm not a professional prophet, and I was never trained to be one. I'm just a shepherd, and I take care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵ But the LORD called me away from my flock and told me, 'Go and prophesy to my people in Israel.' *This is the word of the Lord.*

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85. 8-13

**8. I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying,
for he speaks peace to his faithful people.**

But let them not return to their foolish ways.

9 Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
so our land will be filled with his glory.

10 Unfailing love and truth have met together.

Righteousness and peace have kissed!

11 Truth springs up from the earth,
and righteousness smiles down from heaven.

12 Yes, the Lord pours down his blessings.

Our land will yield its bountiful harvest.

13 Righteousness goes as a herald before him,
preparing the way for his steps.

New Testament Reading: Mark 6.14-29

The Death of John the Baptist

¹⁴ Herod Antipas, the king, soon heard about Jesus, because everyone was talking about him. Some were saying, "This must be John the Baptist raised from the dead. That is why he can do such miracles." ¹⁵ Others said, "He's the prophet Elijah." Still others said, "He's a prophet like the other great prophets of the past."

¹⁶ When Herod heard about Jesus, he said, "John, the man I beheaded, has come back from the dead."

¹⁷ For Herod had sent soldiers to arrest and imprison John as a favour to Herodias. She had been his brother Philip's wife, but Herod had married her. ¹⁸ John had been telling Herod, "It is against God's law for you to marry your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias bore a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But without Herod's approval she was powerless, ²⁰ for Herod respected John; and knowing that he was a good and holy man, he protected him. Herod was greatly disturbed whenever he talked with John, but even so, he liked to listen to him.

²¹ Herodias's chance finally came on Herod's birthday. He gave a party for his high government officials, army officers, and the leading citizens of Galilee. ²² Then his daughter, also named Herodias, came in and performed a dance that greatly pleased Herod and his guests. "Ask me for anything you like," the king said to the girl, "and I will give it to you." ²³ He even vowed, "I will give you whatever you ask, up to half my kingdom!"

²⁴ She went out and asked her mother, “What should I ask for?”

Her mother told her, “Ask for the head of John the Baptist!”

²⁵ So the girl hurried back to the king and told him, “I want the head of John the Baptist, right now, on a tray!”

²⁶ Then the king deeply regretted what he had said; but because of the vows he had made in front of his guests, he couldn't refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner to the prison to cut off John's head and bring it to him. The soldier beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a tray, and gave it to the girl, who took it to her mother. ²⁹ When John's disciples heard what had happened, they came to get his body and buried it in a tomb.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Talk

Song: For I am building a people of power

For I'm building a people of power
And I'm making a people of praise
That will move through this land by My Spirit
And will glorify My precious Name

Build Your Church, Lord, make us strong, Lord

Join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son

Make us one, Lord, in Your body

In the kingdom of Your Son

For I'm building a people of power
And I'm making a people of praise
That will move through this land by My Spirit
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What we Believe

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: 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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Prayers

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.

Song: Make me a channel of your peace.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's hatred, let me bring your love;
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there's darkness, let me bring your light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master...

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

For the week ahead

Heavenly Father, from the very beginning of Genesis, we see the relationship between word and action – you spoke and it was so. As we leave this place, may we be aware of our words and actions. May the Holy Spirit guide us, so that what we say and what we do builds up your kingdom, and breaks down barriers. This we ask in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Blessing

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 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- All those around the world without enough food and their basic needs.

Tues- All clubs and societies hoping to begin again.

Wed- The work of the food banks and those who donate.

Thurs- Those in continuing conflicts around the world.

Fri- People facing difficult weather conditions.

Sat- Visitors to our Churches and Villages.

This Evening:

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

Next Week:

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

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

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