



St Michael's, Brentor

8th August 2021

Evensong

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We warmly welcome everyone joining
our service

Welcome

Hymn: Immortal Invisible God only Wise.

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him, through our Lord Jesus Christ, our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to make confession of our sins, to pray as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us kneel or sit in silence and remember God's presence with us now.

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 though, 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 Jesus 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.

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.

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come
thy will be done,
on 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.

Responses:

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God make speed to save us
O Lord make haste to help us.
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.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 91

¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
² **will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."**
³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;
⁴ **he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,
⁶ **or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**
⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
⁸ **You will only look with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.**
⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,
¹⁰ **no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**
¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
¹² **On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
¹⁴ **Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**
¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honour them.
¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**
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.

Old Testament reading: Job 39: v 1-end, Job 40: v1-4

39 “Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
² Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
³ when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
⁴ Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.
⁵ “Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
⁶ to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling place?
⁷ It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
⁸ It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.
⁹ “Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?
¹⁰ Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
¹¹ Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?
¹² Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing floor?
¹³ “The ostrich’s wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
¹⁴ For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
¹⁵ forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.
¹⁶ It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
¹⁷ because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
¹⁸ When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

¹⁹ “Do you give the horse its might?
Do you clothe its neck with mane?
²⁰ Do you make it leap like the locust?
Its majestic snorting is terrible.
²¹ It paws violently, exults mightily;
it goes out to meet the weapons.
²² It laughs at fear, and is not dismayed;
it does not turn back from the sword.
²³ Upon it rattle the quiver,
the flashing spear, and the javelin.
²⁴ With fierceness and rage it swallows the ground;
it cannot stand still at the sound of the trumpet.
²⁵ When the trumpet sounds, it says ‘Aha!’
From a distance it smells the battle,
the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
²⁶ “Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars,
and spreads its wings toward the south?
²⁷ Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up
and makes its nest on high?
²⁸ It lives on the rock and makes its home
in the fastness of the rocky crag.
²⁹ From there it spies the prey;
its eyes see it from far away.
³⁰ Its young ones suck up blood;
and where the slain are, there it is.”

40 And the LORD said to Job:

² “Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?
Anyone who argues with God must respond.”

³ Then Job answered the LORD:

⁴ “See, I am of small account; what shall I answer you?
I lay my hand on my mouth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat

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: John 6: v35, 41-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis

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 Apostles Creed

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 again 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.

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come

thy will be done,

on 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

O Lord show thy mercy upon us

And grant us thy salvation

O Lord save the Queen

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord save thy people

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou O God.

O God make clean our hearts within us

and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The collect for the Day

Lord of heaven and earth,

as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,

give us patience and courage never to lose hope,

but always to bring our prayers before you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The collect for Peace

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 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: Breathe on me breath of God

1. Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love as you have loved
and do as you would do.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,

until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, breath of God;
fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heavenly fire.
4. Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Sermon

Hymn: Guide me oh thou great Redeemer

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Intercessions

Hymns: God is working his purpose out.

- 1 God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.
- 2 From utmost east to utmost west wherever feet have trod,
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.'
- 3 What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
the love of God in all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea?
- 4 All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-time till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all.

Amen.



Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers: Chris Vigars, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Edward Walter, Lydia, Margaret, Lin Bristow, Beryl, Nick H, Peter Cameron, Dave, Natasha Brenchley, Cherry and Hilary, Paul, Kelly, Mark and Jack Corber also Izzy.

Please pray for the souls of the recently departed, especially for Taylor Besgrove, and Paul Edward Sheather, their family and friends.

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon- All those on holiday here and away, keeping safe on the roads.

Tues- The farmers and food producers working with challenging conditions.

Wed- Those looking for employment and stability.

Thurs- Continuing wars and conflicts devastating people's lives.

Fri- Further hope in the continued reduction in COVID figures.

Sat- Celebration of being able to worship fully in Church with consideration and care.

Next Week:

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

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

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