



St Michael's, Brentor
12th September 2021

Evensong

Led by
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First Hymn: O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

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.

Psalm 119: v73-80

⁷³Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

⁷⁴**Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,
because I have hoped in your word.**

⁷⁵I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right,
and that in faithfulness you have humbled me.

⁷⁶ Let your steadfast love become my comfort according to your promise to your servant.

⁷⁷ Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.

⁷⁸ Let the arrogant be put to shame, because they have subverted me with guile; as for me, I will meditate on your precepts.

⁷⁹ Let those who fear you turn to me, so that they may know your decrees.

⁸⁰ May my heart be blameless in your statutes, so that I may not be put to shame.

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 18: v 13-26

¹³ The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. ¹⁴ When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?" ¹⁵ Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. ¹⁶ When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God." ¹⁷ Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸ You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. ¹⁹ Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God; ²⁰ teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. ²¹ You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such men over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. ²² Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. ²³ If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their home in peace." ²⁴ So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said. ²⁵ Moses chose able men from all Israel and appointed them as heads over the people, as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. ²⁶ And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any minor case they decided themselves.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

The Magnificat: Tell Out My Soul

New Testament Reading: Matthew 7: v1-14

7 “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ² For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³ Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your neighbour, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour’s eye. ⁶ “Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

⁷ “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? ¹⁰ Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

¹² “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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: Now Thank We All Our God

Sermon

Intercessions

Hymn: The Day Thou Gavest

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: Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Edward Walter, Lydia, Margaret, Lin Bristow, Beryl, Nick H, Peter Cameron, Dave, Natasha Brenchley, Kelly, Mark and Jack Corber, Izzy, Ian and Tony

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

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon- Those back at work, in Schools and Colleges.

Tues- Businesses struggling to find staff.

Wed- Food shortages due to staffing difficulties.

Thurs- Farmers continuing to harvest their crops.

Fri- Charities and volunteers working hard for others in our community.

Sat- Churches working towards harvest.

Next Week:

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

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

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