



St Michael's, Brentor

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# Holy Communion

Led by The Reverend Dr Hazel  
Butland



We warmly welcome everyone joining  
our service

## **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you

**All** and also with you.

## *Welcome and Introduction*

### **A sentence of Scripture**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels; praise him all his host.

*Psalm 148.1,2*

### *Hymn no 589: Angel voices ever singing*

#### **Prayer of Preparation**

**All** Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All** Amen. Lord, have mercy.

We have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God,

the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels,

to God, the judge of all,

and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

*Hebrews 12.22-24*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Woe is me, for I am lost;  
I am a person of unclean lips.

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Our guilt is taken away,  
and our sin is forgiven.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**All Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

## The Collect for Michael and All Angels

### Let us pray

Everlasting God,  
you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### The Old Testament Reading Genesis 28:10-17

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 103: 19-22

**Refrain:** *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy*

19 The Lord has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding  
and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,  
you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,  
in all places of his dominion;  
bless the Lord, O my soul

**Refrain:** *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

## **Revelation 12:7-12**

### **Michael Defeats the Dragon**

<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup> but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

‘Now have come the salvation and the power

and the kingdom of our God

and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,

who accuses them day and night before our God.

<sup>11</sup> But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb

and by the word of their testimony,

for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice then, you heavens

and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,

for the devil has come down to you

with great wrath,

because he knows that his time is short!

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## ***Hymn no 666: I Cannot Tell Why He, Who Angels Worship***

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, bless the Lord, all you his hosts,

you ministers of his who do his will.

*Psalm 103.21*

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **John 1:47-51**

<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King

of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

## *Sermon: Preacher Rev'd Tony Vigers*

### **The Creed**

**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Response:** Lord, hear us.

**All** Lord, graciously hear us.

***And at the end***  
Merciful Father,  
**All** accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

The Peace

Hear again the song of the angels:

‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.’

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All** and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**All may exchange a sign of peace.**

### **Preparation of the Table**

### ***Hymn no 585: All I Once Held Dear***

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,

by whose grace creation is renewed,

by whose love heaven is opened,

by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,

it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places

to give you thanks and praise,

holy Father, heavenly King,

almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;

through him you have created all things from the beginning,

and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

Through him the archangels sing your praise,  
the angels fulfil your commands,  
the cherubim and seraphim continually proclaim your holiness;  
the whole company of heaven glorifies your name and rejoices to do your will.

Therefore we pray that our voices may be heard with theirs,  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,



we remember his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.  
Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who 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 those who 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

### *The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

### The Agnus Dei

**All** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

### *The president and people receive communion.*

### Prayer after communion

Lord of heaven,  
in this Eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**All** Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.

**Amen**

## **Blessing**

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints;  
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels;  
the Spirit make you holy in God's service;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen**

## *Hymn no 546: How Great Thou Art (outside)*

- 1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Refrain*
- 3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in.  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:  
*Refrain*
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!  
*Refrain*

## **Dismissal:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. 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.

**Please pray** for both the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland and the Reverend Rosie Illingworth and their continuing journeys following their ordinations.

**Your prayers this week are asked for:**

**Mon-** School, Prayer and Street Pastors in Tavistock.

**Tues-** The continuing conflicts around the world.

**Wed-** Police and emergency services keeping us safe.

**Thurs-** All those who take the time to listen.

**Fri-** Fund raising events including all the Macmillan coffee mornings.

**Sat-** Hopes for the future of our Churches and increasing numbers.

**Next Week:**

**9:45am:** Holy Communion with the Reverend Tony Vigers and the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland

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