

BRENTOR CHURCH

10th October 2021

Harvest Service

19th Sunday after Trinity

Led by
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We warmly welcome everyone
joining our service

Welcome and introduction

God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, we may share abundantly in every good work.

cf. 2 Corinthians 9.8

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Let us bring our gifts to the Lord **that they may be used for his glory.**

May the Spirit of God fill our hearts **as we come to meet him in this place.**

Song: For the Fruits of All Creation. No. 284 A&M

We say sorry

As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins, especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for granted.

Father, in all things you are generous towards us, yet we have sown sparingly;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you show us the way of humility,

Yet we have given reluctantly:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you show us the gift of grace,
yet we have loved grudgingly;

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,

who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

God of grace, ever creating and restoring,
you breathe life into all things
and embrace us with an everlasting love;
help us to grow in wonder and awe,
to embody a spirit of gratitude,
and to dream generous dreams;
that, in gathering what we have,
we may graciously offer ourselves
to accomplish what you will,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song: How Great Thou Art. (Celtic Worship)

Readings

Psalmody: Psalm 104.26-36

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

27 **There is the sea, spread far and wide.
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.**

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made to play in the deep.

29 **All of these look to you
To give them their food in due season.**

30 When you give it to them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

- 31 **When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath they die and return again to the dust.**
- 32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;**
- 34 He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 35 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my being.**
- 36 So shall my song please him
While I rejoice in the Lord.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever. Amen.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

The Gospel: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel reading: Matthew 6: v19- 33

[Jesus said,] ¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; ²³but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

Talk by Christopher Pancheri

Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Prayers

Let us give thanks to God
for his gifts so generous given to us,
and for the blessings we are called to share.

For recognising that all things come from you,
for remembering that we are stewards of your gifts, for wisely using the
resources entrusted to us.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For rejoicing in the beauty of creation, for the care of your world,
for sharing the fruits of creation equally among all people.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For encountering the joy of giving,
for humility in putting others’ needs before our own,
for embracing the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For courage in offering sacrificial generosity, for giving to be an act of worship,
for grace in offering our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For all financial gifts offered to your Church, for freely giving as we have received,
for giving and not counting the cost.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For releasing our hold on material possessions, for contentment in what we have,
for trust in letting go.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For generosity in love, encouragement and hope, for openness in invitation and
hospitality,
for wisdom in the gift of friendship.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For serving you as you deserve,
for following our calling as your disciples, for serving you with gladness of heart.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For being a blessing through the blessings we receive, for generosity which enables
mission,
for sharing abundantly in every good work.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For living a generous life,
for our actions to point beyond themselves,
for our generosity to be an expression of love and gratitude.

We offer ourselves to you, O God. Amen.

We continue in prayer for our own community and those whose names are on our hearts today.

Source of all life and giver of all that is good,
hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy forever.
Amen.

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: We plough the field and scatter. No. 290
A&M***

Blessing

May The God of hope fill us with every blessing, that we may share in every good work; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst us and remain with us always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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.

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon- Thoughts for people coping without the furlough support.

Tues- Continuation of COVID booster immunisations and flu jabs.

Wed- All those around the world struggling with extreme weather events.

Thurs- All those affected by road collisions.

Fri- Food banks and charities supporting those in need.

Sat- Thoughts and thanks to Chris Hardwick in his retirement.

Next week:

9:45am: Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Eustachius Tavistock to Mark the retirement of the Very Reverend Christopher Hardwick

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