

**BRENTOR CHURCH**  
**28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
**Morning Prayer**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of**  
**Advent**  
**Led by**  
**Wendy Roderick**



**We warmly welcome everyone joining our  
service**

**All children (quiet or noisy) are welcome to church, toys are  
at the back, and parents, please don't worry about them!**

**Introduction and welcome**

*1. O Come, O Come Emmanuel- no 45*

*The lighting of the Advent Candle*

*2. After we light the Advent Candle - then we sing the  
following two verses of **This Little Light of Mine:***

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! x 3  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! x 3  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Give us the joy of your saving help  
**and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.  
Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your  
salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *us* from *our* sins,  
and restore *us* in his image to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**  
Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
creator and redeemer of all;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world  
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.  
Now, through the deep waters of death,  
you have brought your people to new birth  
by raising your Son to life in triumph.  
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts  
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### *3. The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came- no 85*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **Psalm 25: 1-9**

- <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.  
<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.  
<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.  
<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.  
<sup>6</sup>Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!  
<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.  
**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **Old Testament reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16**

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God.**

#### *4. Come Thou Long Expected Jesus - tune is Hyfrydol*

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

**Gospel reading: Luke: 21: 25-36**

<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup> Then

he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

**And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,

not on things that are on the earth.

**And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,**

**and Christ shall give you light.**

***The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said or sung***

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

*A SERMON may be preached*

*The Apostles' Creed*

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

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.

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 of Intercession are offered.*

Maranatha!  
Come, Lord Jesus.


Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

**5. O Come All Ye Faithful- no 78 (without the last verse)**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.  
Amen.

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, Lydia, Margaret, Lin Bristow, Beryl, Peter Cameron, Dave, Edward Walter, Natasha Brenchley, Izzy, Fran and family, Becky, Rafe, Warren and Leanne.

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

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

**Mon** The desperate people trying to cross the Channel risking their lives.  
**Tues** Hopes for people being able to keep warm and afford heating.  
**Wed** Concerns around the increasing COVID numbers again.  
**Thurs** Those hoping for family Christmases, without restrictions.  
**Fri** Those struggling with stress and the burdens of worry.  
**Sat** The Church family preparing for Advent.

**Next week:**

**9:45am:** Holy Communion at Christ Church with the Reverend Tony Vigers.

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