

BRENTOR CHURCH
5th December 2021
Morning Prayer
2nd Sunday of
Advent
Led by
The Reverend Tony Vigars



**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!**

The Gathering

A Hymn - Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,

All: Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

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.

Invitation to Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

The Absolution

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 today

Let us pray...

All: Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First reading Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,

the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

**2 For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

**4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;**

5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

**6 Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

**8 'Who is the King of glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'**

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

**10 'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'**

Second reading Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and

blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A Hymn - Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Gospel Reading

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

All Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel reading: Matthew: 11: 2-11

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴Jesus answered them, ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

A Hymn - Purify My Heart

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father

Prayers are offered for the church and for the world. One of the following responses may be used.

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

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

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Taking of the Bread and Wine

A Hymn - Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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.**

Please kneel or sit

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

The Giving of Communion

Prayer after Communion

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.

A Hymn – *Restore, O Lord, the Honour of Your Name*

The Dismissal- Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord;

... and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

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

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

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon Those around the World risking their lives to escape poverty and war.
Tues People preparing for a Christmas with hope of family gatherings again.
Wed Concerns surrounding the new Omicron variant.
Thurs Those in extreme weather conditions, droughts and wild fires etc.
Fri Families coping with increasing energy and food bills, hope for some relief.
Sat Our Church community working together for the benefit of others.

Next week:

9:45am: Advent Prayer and Praise at Christ Church with Sally and Christopher Pancheri.

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