

BRENTOR CHURCH

12th December 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

Prayer and Praise

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**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!**

Welcome

Let us meet with our God,
whose Spirit is with us now and throughout our daily lives.
Let us pray for opportunities to share the blessings we receive,
for God to provide the words with which we might speak them,
and inspire actions through which we might share them,
that all might be drawn to the God we serve. Amen.

A prayer for the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

As we light this Advent candle,
may its flame be for us a sign of the light
that reveals to us our path through life,
that inspires us to live simply and generously,
after the example and call of John the Baptist,
that we ourselves may be signs of the good news we proclaim.
In Jesus' name.

Amen.

A prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise to you, Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
We praise you for the gift of witnesses to your love.
We give thanks for the witness of John the Baptist and
his message to the people and its relevance for us today.
In his story and his teaching, we see the heart of your being,
fairness and justice and equality for your people.
We give you thanks for the ordinary everyday life that witnesses
to your power and glory.
We give thanks that you are always surprising us and
meeting us right where we are.
We give thanks for your light in our times of darkness,
for your hand in times of aloneness, for your leading in times of uncertainty.
To you, our triune God, we offer our praise and thanksgiving.

Amen.

Song: I Will Worship, I Will Worship With All of My Heart.

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (all of my strength)
I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (all of my days)
I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (all Your ways)

*I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise*

I will bow down (I will bow down)
And hail You as King (hail You as King)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I'll give You everything (give You everything)
I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne)
I will trust You (I will trust You)
I will trust You alone (trust in You alone)

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We say sorry

Blessed God, hear our prayers of sadness and regret for times when we have been blind to the needs of neighbours, deaf to the cries of the distressed, silent at the sight of the abused, careless with the frightened and supportive of greed and corruption.
We confess our obsessions with things material and frivolous, fripperies

wrapped in tissue paper.

Open our ears and eyes, and our hearts, to be more receptive to what we see and hear from those we meet.

Amen.

Minister

God knows the depths of our sorrow.
God knows the depths of our grief for wrongs done.
God knows the pains of regret for deeds undone.
God knows the depths of our hearts.
To God we repent, and forgiveness is given.

Amen.

Sing: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry- 46 A&M

Reading Philippians 4.4-7 NLT

⁴ Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! ⁵ Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



Psalm: 146. 4-10 NLT

⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to the earth, and all their plans die with them.

⁵ But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper,

whose hope is in the LORD their God.

**⁶ He made heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them.
He keeps every promise forever.**

⁷ He gives justice to the oppressed
and food to the hungry.

The LORD frees the prisoners.

**⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are weighed down.
The LORD loves the godly.**

⁹ The LORD protects the foreigners among us.
He cares for the orphans and widows,
but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

**¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever.
He will be your God, O Jerusalem,^[b] throughout the generations.
Praise the LORD!**

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

All Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel reading: Luke: 3: 7-18

⁷ When the crowds came to John for baptism, he said, “You brood of snakes! Who warned you to flee the coming wrath? ⁸ Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Don’t just say to each other, ‘We’re safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.’ That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. ⁹ Even now the ax of God’s judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ The crowds asked, “What should we do?”

¹¹ John replied, “If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry.”

¹² Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked, “Teacher, what should we do?”

¹³ He replied, “Collect no more taxes than the government requires.”

¹⁴ “What should we do?” asked some soldiers.

John replied, “Don’t extort money or make false accusations. And be content with your pay.”

¹⁵ Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered their questions by saying, “I baptize you with water; but someone is coming

soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.” ¹⁸ John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

Talk

Song: Long Ago, Prophets Knew- 75 A&M

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.**

We continue in prayer....

Collect

The God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:

give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Song: Colours of Day Dawn into the Mind -27 A&M

A prayer for the week ahead:

Lord, help us to go into the world in peace;
to be of good courage;
to hold fast to that which is good;
to strengthen the fainthearted;
to support the weak;
to honour everyone;
and to love and serve the Lord.
Be within us and among us,
and remain with us always.
Amen.

Blessing

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, Noah and his family Andrew, Clare and Elijah.

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

Your prayers this week are asked for:

- Mon** All those stressing over their preparations for Christmas.
Tues The charities supporting others especially at Christmas.
Wed Thoughts for all the people living on the streets in the winter weather.
Thurs Those in conflict zones unsure of their future.
Fri Thoughts for the hospitality industry as again restrictions are implemented to keep everyone safe.
Sat Church families preparing for the Christian celebrations.

This Evening:

6pm: Carols by Candlelight at Christ Church with Wendy Roderick

Next week:

9:45am: Holy Communion at Christ Church with the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland and the Reverend Rosie Illingworth

2:30pm: Nativity Service at Morwellham, Gulworthy.

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