

# BRENTOR CHURCH

20<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Holy Communion  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Led by The Reverend  
Tony Vigers



**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**

*Hymn no 238*

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

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.

## Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

**All:** Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Al:** Lord, have mercy.

## 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.

## The Collect for today

Let us pray...

**All:** Amen

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First reading: Isaiah 55: v1-9

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 63: v1-9

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul is a thirst for you.

<sup>2</sup> My flesh also faints for you,  
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

<sup>3</sup> So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

<sup>4</sup> Your loving-kindness is better than life itself  
and so my lips shall praise you.

<sup>5</sup> I will bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.

<sup>6</sup> My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,

<sup>7</sup> **When I remember you upon my bed  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.**

<sup>8</sup> For you have been my helper  
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

<sup>9</sup> **My soul clings to you;  
your right hand shall hold me fast.**

**Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13**

<sup>1</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn no 592 As the Deer Pants for the Water*

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

**Gospel reading: Luke 13: v1-9**

<sup>1</sup> At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"' <sup>8</sup> He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

*Hymn no 625 Faithful One so Unchanging*

**Affirmation of Faith**

I ask you to stand to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.**

We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### 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

*Hymn no 664      How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

### 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.

*All:* Great is the mystery of faith:

**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.**

### **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.**

## 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.

**All:** We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.

## 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.

*Hymn no 652      Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

### 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, Margaret, Lin Bristow, Peter Cameron, Dave, Edward Walter, Fran and family, Becky, Alex and family, Noah and his family Andrew, Clare and Elijah, Shirley, Joyce and Paul.

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

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

- Mon** Continuing Prayers for hopes for peace in the Ukraine
- Tues** The work done on Bowden Down and Littery Down
- Wed** The Brentorians play over the rest of this week
- Thurs** People collecting supplies and raising money for the Refugees from Ukraine, and those unable to leave
- Fri** All the creative people in our locality
- Sat** Prayers for the Church Cake bring and buy sale, raising money for Mary's Meals and the Ukraine

### **Next week:**

**9:45am:** Family Service at Christ Church with Wendy Roderick

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