

BRENTOR CHURCH

29th May 2022

Morning Prayer

7th Sunday of Easter

Led by David Harris



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

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.

Hymn 510 – Will You Come and Follow Me

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

Silence is kept.

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 97

- ¹ The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- ² **Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**
- ³ Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
- ⁴ **His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
- ⁶ **The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.**
- ⁷ All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
- ⁸ **Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.**
- ⁹ For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ **The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**
- ¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
- ¹² **Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

**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.**

An EASTER ANTHEM

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ♦
so let us celebrate the feast,
- 2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ♦
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ♦
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 In dying he died to sin once for all: ♦
in living he lives to God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ♦
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead: ♦
the first fruits of those who sleep.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

Romans 6.9–11

7 For as by man came death: ♦
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
8 for as in Adam all die: ♦
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20–22

**Glory be 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.**

The FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹ They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 588: And Can it Be?

The GOSPEL READING: John 17:20-26

²⁰ 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.'

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

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 Reflection on the readings for today

Text [available on the church website.](#)

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.

The COLLECT is said.

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

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.**

HYMN 506: The Church's One Foundation

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

(and/or)

**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: Margaret, Lin Bristow, Peter Cameron, Dave, Fran and family, Becky, Alex and family, Noah and his family Andrew, Clare and Elijah, Shirley, Dan and Susie.

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

Your prayers this week are asked for:

- Mon** Schools and Colleges having a good half term
Tues All those caring for others and supporting those in need
Wed Continuing thoughts for our local Ukrainian families
Thurs All those preparing for a weekend of Jubilee Celebrations
Fri Those getting Married in our Churches over this Jubilee weekend
Sat Thanks for Queen Elizabeth's 70 years as The Supreme Governor of the Church of England

This Evening:

6pm: At St Michael's- Evening Prayer with the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland

Next week:

9:45: At Christ Church- Jubilee Celebration Service with Wendy Roderick

6pm: At St Michael's- Pentecost Communion with the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland

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