

*St Michael's Brentor*



*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

*Evensong*

*Led by the  
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*The leader may begin with some words of Scripture.*

**Leader:** DEARLY beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness. and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins

before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying [after me]:

**ALL: ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us:**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

**Leader:** Grant we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**ALL: OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.**

**Leader:** O Lord, open thou our lips.

**All: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

**Leader:** O God, make speed to save us.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Leader:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Leader:** Praise ye the Lord.

**All: The Lord's Name be praised.**

### **Psalm 57**

<sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by.

**<sup>2</sup> I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfils his purpose for me.**

<sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven and save me, he will put to shame those who trample on me. God will send forth his steadfast love and his faithfulness.

**<sup>4</sup> I lie down among lions that greedily devour human prey;  
their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongues sharp swords.**

<sup>5</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.

**<sup>6</sup> They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down.**

**They dug a pit in my path, but they have fallen into it themselves.**

<sup>7</sup> My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast.

I will sing and make melody.

**<sup>8</sup> Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.**

<sup>9</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**<sup>10</sup> For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;**

**your faithfulness extends to the clouds.**

<sup>11</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.

### **The Old Testament Reading- Genesis 24: v 1-27**

**24** Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. <sup>2</sup> Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, 'Put your hand under my thigh <sup>3</sup> and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live, <sup>4</sup> but will go to my country and to my kindred and get a wife for my son Isaac.' <sup>5</sup> The servant said to him, 'Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land; must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?' <sup>6</sup> Abraham said to him, 'See to it that you do not take my son back there. <sup>7</sup> The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and swore to me, "To your offspring I will give this land", he will send his angel before you; you shall take a wife for my son from there. <sup>8</sup> But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there.' <sup>9</sup> So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

<sup>10</sup> Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all kinds of choice gifts from his master; and he set out and went to Aram-naharaim, to the city of Nahor. <sup>11</sup> He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water; it was towards evening, the time when women go out to draw water. <sup>12</sup> And he said, 'O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. <sup>13</sup> I am standing

here by the spring of water, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. <sup>14</sup> Let the girl to whom I shall say, "Please offer your jar that I may drink", and who shall say, "Drink, and I will water your camels"—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.'

<sup>15</sup> Before he had finished speaking, there was Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder. <sup>16</sup> The girl was very fair to look upon, a virgin whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up. <sup>17</sup> Then the servant ran to meet her and said, 'Please let me sip a little water from your jar.' <sup>18</sup> 'Drink, my lord,' she said, and quickly lowered her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. <sup>19</sup> When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, 'I will draw for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.' <sup>20</sup> So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. <sup>21</sup> The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful.

<sup>22</sup> When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold nose-ring weighing a half-shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, <sup>23</sup> and said, 'Tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?' <sup>24</sup> She said to him, 'I am the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.' <sup>25</sup> She added, 'We have plenty of straw and fodder and a place to spend the night.' <sup>26</sup> The man bowed his head and worshipped the LORD <sup>27</sup> and said, 'Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness towards my master. As for me, the LORD has led me on the way to the house of my master's kin.'

*This is the word of the Lord.      **All**    Thanks be to God.*

### ***The Magnificat, or Song of Mary***

**MY soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.**

**He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.**

### **Gospel reading Luke 8: 26-39**

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

#### **All Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' — <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>'Return to

your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

***The Nunc Dimittis, or Song of Simeon***

**LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace;  
according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.  
Amen.**

***The Apostle's Creed***

**All: I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and  
buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He  
ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life  
everlasting. Amen**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with thy spirit.**

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**Leader:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Leader:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom  
come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against  
us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

**Leader:** O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**All: And grant us thy salvation.**

**Leader:** O Lord, save the Queen.

**All: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

**Leader:** Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**All: And make thy chosen people joyful.**

**Leader:** O Lord, save thy people.

**All: And bless thine inheritance.**

**Leader:** Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**All: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

**Leader:** O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**All: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

### ***The Collect for the Day***

#### ***The Second Collect***

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

#### ***The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils:***


LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### ***Sermon***

#### ***Intercessions***

#### ***Conclusion***

**All: 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, Joyce and Paul, Margaret and David, and Lisa.

**Please also pray** for Anne Clark who has served her community here in Brentor selflessly and with love. All love and best wishes for her next stage in life with her brother in Great Missenden.

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

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

**Mon** Those in our community who need support

**Tues** All young people finishing their exams and preparing for the future

**Wed** People keeping well in the hopeful heat of the summer

**Thurs** The elderly, lonely and bereaved in need of companionship

**Fri** Anyone worried about the future financially

**Sat** All people welcome to both our Churches and the Church community

**Next week: 9:45:** At Christ Church- Prayer and Praise with Wendy Roderick and Amanda Harris

**6pm:** At St Michael's- Evening Prayer with Christopher and Sally Pancheri

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