

St Michael's Brentor



Sunday 21st August 2022

10th Sunday after Trinity

Evening Prayer

*Led by David Harris and Amanda
Harris*



We warmly welcome everyone joining our service
All children (quiet or noisy) are welcome to church,
Parents, please do not worry about them.

Preparation

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you

All: and also with you

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us

All: Let us rejoice and sing God's praises for ever.

Minister:

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.

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

May the God of love and power forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins, heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit, and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessed are you, sovereign God, our light and our salvation:

to you be glory and praise for ever. You led your people to freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

May we who walk in the light of your presence acclaim your Christ, rising victorious, as he banishes all darkness from our hearts and minds. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn: 546 How Great Thou Art

Psalm 119: v49-56

⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant,
in which you have made me hope.

⁵⁰ **This is my comfort in my distress,
that your promise gives me life.**

⁵¹ The arrogant utterly deride me,
but I do not turn away from your law.

⁵² **When I think of your ordinances from of old,
I take comfort, O LORD.**

⁵³ Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked,
those who forsake your law.

⁵⁴ **Your statutes have been my songs
wherever I make my home.**

⁵⁵ I remember your name in the night, O LORD,
and keep your law.

⁵⁶ **This blessing has fallen to me,
for I have kept your precepts.**

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.

The Old Testament Reading- Isaiah 30: v8-21

⁸ Go now, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book,
so that it may be for the time to come as a witness for ever.

⁹ For they are a rebellious people, faithless children,
children who will not hear the instruction of the LORD;

¹⁰ who say to the seers, 'Do not see';
and to the prophets, 'Do not prophesy to us what is right;
speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions,

¹¹ leave the way, turn aside from the path,
let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.'

¹² Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel:

Because you reject this word,
and put your trust in oppression and deceit, and rely on them;

¹³ therefore this iniquity shall become for you
like a break in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse,
whose crash comes suddenly, in an instant;

¹⁴ its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly
that among its fragments not a sherd is found
for taking fire from the hearth, or dipping water out of the cistern.

¹⁵ For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:

In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

But you refused ¹⁶ and said,
'No! We will flee upon horses' — therefore you shall flee!
and, 'We will ride upon swift steeds' —

therefore your pursuers shall be swift!
¹⁷ A thousand shall flee at the threat of one,
at the threat of five you shall flee, until you are left
like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

¹⁸ Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.

For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

¹⁹ Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be
gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. ²⁰ Though the
Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will
not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹ And when you turn to the
right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the
way; walk in it.'

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

Hymn: 775 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

The Lord is my light and my salvation: The Lord is the strength of my life.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation: The Lord is the strength of my life.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: The Lord is the strength of my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation: The Lord is the strength of my life.

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary):

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour: he has looked with favour on his lowly servant

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy.

8 The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.

(Luke 1.46-55)

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.

The New Testament Reading- 2 Corinthians 9

9 Now it is not necessary for me to write to you about the ministry to the saints, ² for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. ³ But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; ⁴ otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking. ⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A sermon may be preached

The Creed

All: 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

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray

And in your great mercy

Defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,

For the love of your only son,

Our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Intercessions are offered

The Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,

Give us patient and courage never to lose hope,

But always to bring our prayers before you;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
And the glory are yours, Now and for ever. Amen.**


Hymn: It is Well With My Soul

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

Amen

The Grace

**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 and Carol Cameron, Dave, Becky, Alex and family, Shirley, Lisa, Izzy, Brian, Andy and Penny.

Please pray for the souls of the recently departed, their family and friends, thinking especially of Fran, and her family Paul and Philly.

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
Tues Hopes for the rain to begin filling the reservoirs again
Wed All emergency services, always there for our communities
Thurs Students getting their GCSE results today and planning their next steps
Fri Guidance for those worried about the future and energy prices
Sat Those baptised, married or buried in our churches

Next week:

9:45: At Christ Church- Morning Prayer with Amanda Harris and Wendy Roderick

5:30pm: At St Michael's- Tea on the Tor followed at

6pm by Family Service with Sally and Christopher Pancheri

Donations to support the upkeep of the building and the work of the church are welcome. If you would like to make a regular donation, please contact either David or Helen Harris about the Parish Giving Scheme.