

# BRENTOR CHURCH

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

## *Holy Communion*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Before 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***

***A Hymn may be sung***

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.

**All:** 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.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All:** Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## **The Collect for today**

Let us pray...

**All:** Amen

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

### **First reading: 1 Samuel 16: v1-13**

**16** The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD."' <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what

you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.’<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’<sup>5</sup> He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.’<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.’<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the LORD chosen this one.’<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the LORD chosen this one.’<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The LORD has not chosen any of these.’<sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’<sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 139**

1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 For there is not a word on my tongue,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**4 You encompass me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
so high that I cannot attain it.

**6 Where can I go then from your spirit?**

**Or where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**8 If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand shall lead me,  
your right hand hold me fast.

**10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me  
and the light around me turn to night,'**

11 Even darkness is no darkness with you; the night is as clear as the day;  
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

**14 My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;  
already in your book were all my members written,

**16 As day by day they were fashioned  
when as yet there was none of them.**

17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

**18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,  
and at the end, I am still in your presence.**

23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and examine my thoughts.

**24 See if there is any way of wickedness in me  
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

### **Second reading: 1 Corinthians 2**

**2** When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.



<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup>'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

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

**A Hymn may be sung or A Psalm may be said**

### **Gospel reading Mark 10: v17-22**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 18 Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' 20 He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give

the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

*[A Hymn may be sung]*

## **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**

**A Hymn *may be sung***

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All: All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness  
we have this bread to set before you,

which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness  
we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

### **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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: 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.

## **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:** Lin Bristow, Peter and Carol Cameron, Dave, Becky, Alex, Shirley, Brian, Archie, Julia Whitcomb, Maureen, Val, Greg, Steve, Lyn, Beryl, David, Millie, Jane and Liz

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

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

- Mon** Students and staff on half term break
- Tues** Prayers for those facing persecution and abuse
- Wed** Those around the world facing hardship and struggles
- Thu** Inclusive education for all young people both here and abroad
- Fri** Those in hospital and at home needing medical care
- Sat** Church communities supporting those in need in their parishes

**Next week**

**10am-** At Christ Church- Service of the Word with Liz Bastin

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