

BRENTOR CHURCH

Sunday 12th February 2023

Morning Service

2nd Sunday Before Lent

Led by Liz Bastin



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 Lord our God, the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and shout for joy.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

The Lord's name be praised.

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 the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, Your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn: -Sing to God New Songs of Worship.

Invitation to confession

St Paul says: 'Be imitators of God, love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit; put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.' So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

Saying sorry

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love fill us with your Spirit
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith fill us with your Spirit
Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust fill us with your Spirit
Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy.**

Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to himself, Forgive us our sins and assure us of His eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The collect for the day

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image teach us to discern your hand in all your and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Hymn: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Psalm 136

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.	<i>His love endures forever.</i>
² Give thanks to the God of gods.	<i>His love endures forever.</i>
³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords:	<i>His love endures forever.</i>
⁴ to him who alone does great wonders,	<i>His love endures forever.</i>
⁵ who by his understanding made the heavens,	<i>His love endures forever.</i>
⁶ who spread out the earth upon the waters,	<i>His love endures forever.</i>
⁷ who made the great lights—	<i>His love endures forever.</i>
⁸ the sun to govern the day,	<i>His love endures forever.</i>
⁹ the moon and stars to govern the night;	<i>His love endures forever.</i>
²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven.	<i>His love endures forever.</i>

Bible reading: Romans 8: v18-25

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hymn: -Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Bible reading: Matthew 6: v25 to end

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is

thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Reflection

Creed

1. We believe in God the Father, God almighty by whose plan earth and heaven sprang into being, all created things began. We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.

2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilot, he ascended to the dead. We believe in Jesus risen, heavens king to rule and reign, to the Father’s side ascended till as judge he comes again.

3. We believe in God the Spirit: in one Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love. So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.

Intercessions

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Blessing

May we go forth into the world in peace and good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no-one evil for evil, strengthening the fainthearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honouring everyone and loving and serving the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us and remain with us always.

Amen

Hymn: For I'm Building a People of Power.

Let us go and seek to build the kingdom of God, walking in God's light, and rejoicing in God's love so as to reflect God's glory.

We go 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, Kate, Millie, Jane, Liz, Nick and Hazel Biggs.

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 All the lives lost in the Earthquakes in Northern Syria and Southern Turkey

Wed Rescuers working to find survivors and searching the rubble

Thu All those injured and suffering in the difficult conditions

Fri Those searching for loved ones and those who have lost loved ones

Sat All charities working to give aid and support to those in need

Next week

Sunday- 10am- At Christ Church- Holy Communion with the Reverend Sue Tucker

Ash Wednesday 7pm- Christ Church- Holy Eucharist with the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland

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