

# BRENTOR CHURCH

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023*  
*Holy Communion*  
*Led by*  
*The Reverend*  
*Rosie Illingworth*



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.

## **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

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55.10-13

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

### New Testament reading: Romans 8:1-11

**8** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit<sup>[e]</sup> set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

*A Hymn may be sung*

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Gospel reading: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23**

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

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

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let anyone with ears listen!'

18 'Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

#### **All Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

Let us stand and declare our faith in God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,**

eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
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 C**

*The president says*

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All:** You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All:** He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All:** Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All:** Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All:** As we eat and drink these holy gifts



**make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## **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.

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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

... 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, Peter and Carol Cameron, Dave, Becky, Alex, Shirley, Val, Steve, Zach, Diana, Maureen, Anna, Harry, Cheryl, Gary, Ali, Pam and Den, Matt, Aiden, Sandra, Jon, Lillian and Sandra.

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

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

**Mon** On World Day for International Justice, we pray for wisdom and revelation in the hearts of world leaders, 'for the LORD is a God of justice'.

**Tues** On Nelson Mandela Day, we give thanks for his life and his legacy.

**Wed** Thinking of all those farming particularly during this week, Farm Safety Week 17-21st July

**Thu** As the summer term ends, we pray for schools and colleges, may the summer bring rest and restoration.

**Fri** We also pray for those who are graduating from university, may they know that you are near God, as they enter a new season in their lives.

**Sat** On the Feast Day of Mary Magdalene, we remember her devotion to Jesus.

**This Evening:**

**6pm:** Evensong at St Michael's with the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland

**Next Week:**

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

**6pm:** Evensong at St Michael's with Wendy Roderick

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