

# BRENTOR CHURCH

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023*

## *Holy Communion*

*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: Isaiah 56: v1, 6-8**

**56** Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,

and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—  
<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.  
<sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 67**

1 God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
**2 That your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**  
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
**4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.**  
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
**6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
and God, our own God, will bless us.**  
7 God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

### **Second Reading: Romans 11: v1-2a, 29-32**

**11** I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you

not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

<sup>29</sup> for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God**

**Gospel reading: Mark 2: v2-12**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

**2** When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. **2** So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. **3** Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. **4** And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. **5** When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’ **6** Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, **7** ‘Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ **8** At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, ‘Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? **9** Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, “Your sins are forgiven”, or to say, “Stand up and take your mat and walk”? **10** But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’ —he said to the paralytic— **11** ‘I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.’ **12** And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this!’

*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, Val, Steve, Zach, Diana, Maureen, Anna, Harry, Cheryl, Gary, Ali, Pam and Den, Matt, Aiden, Sandra, Jon, Lillian, Archie, Vicki, Maureen, Gary and Jon.

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

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

- Mon** All those suffering in the World in wars and conflicts
- Tues** On the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief, Holy Spirit, help them to endure.
- Wed** Those facing hardship through job losses and unemployment
- Thu** On GCSE Results day, we pray that know they are treasured by their Father in heaven regardless of grades.
- Fri** For all NHS workers and those in the emergency services
- Sat** All Church communities supporting others in need

**This evening:**

**6pm:** Evensong at St Michael's with Christopher Pancheri

**Next Week:**

**10am:** Christ Church- Family Service with Wendy Roderick and Christopher Pancheri

**5pm:** Picnic and short Summer Holiday Family Service at St Michael's

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