

# BRENTOR CHURCH

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023*

## *Family Service*

*Led by*

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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!

# Welcome

*Let us sing... Come Now is The Time to Worship*

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are, to worship.  
Come, just as you are, before your God.  
Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Oh, come. Just as you are to worship.  
Come just as you are before your God.  
Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
who gladly choose you now.

*[Repeat]*

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God.  
Come.

## We say sorry to God...

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,

**All** slow to anger and of great kindness.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,

**All** nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**All** so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**All** Holy God,

holy and strong,

holy and immortal,

have mercy upon us.

As far as the east is from the west,

**All** so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,

**All** so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**All** and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**All** and forget not all his benefits.

*cf Psalm 103*

## Let us pray ... The Collect

Lord of creation,

whose glory is around and within us:

open our eyes to your wonders,

that we may serve you with reverence

and know your peace at our lives' end,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Let us listen to the Bible ...

### **First reading- Jonah 3: v10-end of ch 4**

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**4** But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' <sup>10</sup>Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God**

## *Let us sing ... Grace Is*

Grace is when God gives us  
the things we don't deserve.

Grace is when God give us  
the things we don't deserve.

He does it because He loves us;

He does it because He loves us.

Mercy is when God does not  
Give us what we deserve.

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## Let us listen to the Bible...

### **Second reading- Matthew 20: v1-16**

<sup>1</sup> 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" <sup>7</sup>They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock

came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God**

## *A short talk*

*Let us sing... Amazing Grace No- 587*

Let us pray ... (Prayers of intercession)

**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.**

*Let us sing... The Lord's My Shepard (townsend) No-  
800*



**We say the grace together...**  
**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**and the love of God and the fellowship of**  
**The Holy Spirit be with us all**  
**now and evermore**  
**Amen.**



*'So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'*



**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, Harry, Cheryl, Ali, Aiden, Jon, Lillian, Archie, Tim and Di, Joan.

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

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

**Mon** People in disaster zones that are now out of the news, who are still clearing up and trying to return to a type of normality, following enormous losses

**Tues** Farmers working to bring in the harvest against the weather conditions

**Wed** Our Armed forces wherever they are deployed

**Thu** Social Workers and all those involved in caring for others

**Fri** Families struggling with relationships and mental health

**Sat** Churches being a place of solace and comfort for everyone

**This evening:**

**6pm:** Evening prayer at St Michael's with Liz Bastin

**Next Sunday:**

**10am:** Christ Church- Holy Communion with the Reverend  
Dr Hazel Butland and Liz Bastin

**6pm:** Michaelmas Holy Communion at St Michael's with the  
Reverend Matt Godfrey, Wendy Roderick, the  
Reverend Dr Hazel Butland and Christopher Pancheri

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