

# BRENTOR CHURCH

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 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

I am the Lord, and there is no other (*Isaiah 45:5*).  
Come, let us worship the creator God  
who made each one of us and calls us by name.

## **Let us pray...**

Creator God, we worship you,  
and we praise you for we are  
wonderfully made.

**For the wonder of who I am**

**I praise you;**

**safe in your hands**

**all creation is made new. Amen.**

## *Let us sing...*

### **Let us say sorry....**

Cleanse us from the mark of sin.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

Faithful God,

forgive us when we mar your image and others don't see your compassion  
mirrored in our lives.

Cleanse us from the mark of sin.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

Forgive us when the mark we leave on the lives of those we encounter is a  
negative one.

Cleanse us from the mark of sin.

**Lord, have mercy on us**

Forgive us when we seek only to identify with the powerful and not the  
vulnerable.

Cleanse us from the mark of sin.

**Lord, have mercy on us**

Forgive us when give our allegiance to that which is not healthy.

Cleanse us from the mark of sin.

**Lord, have mercy on us**

Forgive us when we are reluctant to identify as your disciples.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

### **Absolution: Minister**

Dear God, we thank you for your gift of forgiveness, and that you remain loyal to us, even when our loyalties drift elsewhere; that, in spite of our mistakes, your grace ensures your imprint on our lives isn't fully erased; that, because of your love we can be confident in belonging, and begin again with your blessing. In Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

### **Old Testament reading- Exodus 33: v12-23**

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight."' <sup>13</sup> Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' <sup>14</sup> He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

<sup>17</sup> The LORD said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' <sup>18</sup> Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' <sup>19</sup> And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The LORD"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' <sup>21</sup> And the LORD continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup> then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God**

*Let us sing...*

### **Psalm 99: v1-9**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD is great in Zion;**

**he is exalted over all the peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

<sup>4</sup> **Mighty King, lover of justice,**

**you have established equity;**

**you have executed justice**

**and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup> Extol the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

<sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron were among his priests,**

**Samuel also was among those who called on his name.**

**They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**

<sup>7</sup> He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees,

and the statutes that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **O LORD our God, you answered them;**

**you were a forgiving God to them,**

**but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

<sup>9</sup> Extol the LORD our God,

and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy.

### **New Testament reading- Matthew 22: v15-22**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' <sup>21</sup> They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God**

## *A short talk*

### **What we believe**

We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### **Let us pray....**

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.

### *Let us sing...*

**A prayer for the week ahead...**

Lord, this day and every day,  
may we touch many lives for you by our living,  
by allowing your love to flow in and through us,  
reaching all among whom we live, and work, and play.  
May we be generous with our time and resources,  
and may you be glorified in all we do.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

**Blessing...**

Lord, come to bless us. and fill us with your Spirit. We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. **Amen**  
Grace...

**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.**



*'Give therefore to the emperor  
the things that are the emperor's,  
and to God  
the things that are God's.'*



**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, Jon, Lillian, Archie, Robin, Kim, Phil and Brian.

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

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

**Mon** We pray for children and young people who are on half-term this week, and for the teachers and staff in our schools

**Tues** Those clearing up after the storms and flooding

**Wed** All those travelling abroad or at home

**Thu** Thanks for all the activities for children during half term

**Fri** On the Feast Day of St Simon and St Jude the Apostles

**Sat** On the International Day of Care and Support, we pray for carers and support workers and those working in similar roles.

**Next Sunday:**

**10.00am** Bible Sunday Service of the Word with the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland and Wendy Roderick

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