



14th April 2024

Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday of Easter

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Evening Prayer at St Michael's, Brentor

Preparation

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you

All: and also with you

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us

All: Let us rejoice and sing God's praises for ever.

Minister:

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

May the God of love and power forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins, heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit, and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessed are you, sovereign God, our light and our salvation: to you be glory and praise for ever. You led your people to freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

May we who walk in the light of your presence acclaim your Christ, rising victorious, as he banishes all darkness from our hearts and minds. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Psalm 142

¹ With my voice I cry to the LORD;
with my voice I make supplication to the LORD.

² **I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.**

³ When my spirit is faint,
you know my way.

In the path where I walk
they have hidden a trap for me.

⁴ **Look on my right hand and see—
there is no one who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me;
no one cares for me.**

⁵ I cry to you, O LORD;
I say, 'You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living.'

⁶ **Give heed to my cry,
for I am brought very low.**

**Save me from my persecutors,
for they are too strong for me.**

⁷ Bring me out of prison,
so that I may give thanks to your name.

The righteous will surround me,
for you will deal bountifully with me.

First reading- Deuteronomy 7: v7-13

⁷ It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ It was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the LORD has brought you out

with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, ¹⁰ and who repays in their own person those who reject him. He does not delay but repays in their own person those who reject him. ¹¹ Therefore, observe diligently the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that I am commanding you today.

¹² If you heed these ordinances, by diligently observing them, the LORD your God will maintain with you the covenant loyalty that he swore to your ancestors; ¹³ he will love you, bless you, and multiply you; he will bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock, in the land that he swore to your ancestors to give you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second reading- Revelation 2: v1-11

2 'To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

² 'I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. ³ I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

⁸ 'And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life:

⁹ 'I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.

The Lord is my light and my salvation: The Lord is the strength of my life.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation: The Lord is the strength of my life.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: The Lord is the strength of my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation: The Lord is the strength of my life.

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary):

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour: he has looked with favour on his lowly servant

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

7 he has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy.

8 The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.

(Luke 1.46-55)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

A sermon may be preached

The Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried: he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray

And in your great mercy

Defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,

For the love of your only son,

Our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen


Intercessions are offered

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.**

The Grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with us all evermore.
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, Dave, Becky, Shirley, Val, Steve, Zach, Diana, Harry, Cheryl, Archie, Kim, Nick, Felicity, Carol, Sue and Ron, Monique Thomas, Sue, Jane and Alvin and family.
Please pray for the souls of the recently departed, especially their family and friends.

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon All those students and staff back at schools and colleges ready for the new term.
Tues Those students preparing for their exams, revision and stress
Wed The farmers and outdoor workers hoping for dryer weather to stay
Thurs The volunteers keeping people fed in the food banks
Fri For Early Years Teachers Day, for all those nurturing Christian values in young children
Sat All our Church families who live and worship in the Tavistock area

Next week:

10am: at Christ Church, Holy Communion with the Rev Dr Hazel Butland
6pm: at St Michael's, Brentor- Evensong with Wendy Roderick, LLM

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