

PARISH of BRENT TOR
ST MICHAEL'S AND CHRIST CHURCH

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Evening Prayer

*1st Sunday After Trinity
With*

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We warmly welcome everyone joining our service
All children (quiet or noisy) are welcome to church, and parents, please don't
worry about them!

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.

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 35: v1-10

¹ Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me;
fight against those who fight against me!

² **Take hold of shield and buckler, and rise up to help me!**

³ Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers;
say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.'

⁴ **Let them be put to shame and dishonour who seek after my life.
Let them be turned back and confounded who devise evil against me.**

⁵ Let them be like chaff before the wind,
with the angel of the LORD driving them on.

⁶ **Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of
the LORD pursuing them.**

⁷ For without cause they hid their net for me;
without cause they dug a pit for my life.

⁸ **Let ruin come on them unawares.**

**And let the net that they hid ensnare them; let them fall in it—to
their ruin.**

⁹ Then my soul shall rejoice in the LORD, exulting in his deliverance.

¹⁰ **All my bones shall say, 'O LORD, who is like you?**

**You deliver the weak from those too strong for them,
the weak and needy from those who despoil them.'**

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.

Reading 1: Jeremiah 5: v1-19

⁵ Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, look around and take note!

Search its squares and see if you can find one person who acts justly and seeks truth— so that I may pardon Jerusalem.

² Although they say, 'As the LORD lives', yet they swear falsely.

³ O LORD, do your eyes not look for truth?
You have struck them, but they felt no anguish;
you have consumed them, but they refused to take correction.
They have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to turn
back.

⁴ Then I said, 'These are only the poor, they have no sense;
for they do not know the way of the LORD, the law of their God.

⁵ Let me go to the rich and speak to them;
surely they know the way of the LORD, the law of their God.'
But they all alike had broken the yoke, they had burst the bonds.

⁶ Therefore a lion from the forest shall kill them,
a wolf from the desert shall destroy them.

A leopard is watching against their cities;
everyone who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces—
because their transgressions are many, their apostasies are great.

⁷ How can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me,
and have sworn by those who are no gods.

When I fed them to the full, they committed adultery
and trooped to the houses of prostitutes.

⁸ They were well-fed lusty stallions, each neighing for his neighbour's
wife.

⁹ Shall I not punish them for these things?
says the LORD; and shall I not bring retribution on a nation such as this?

¹⁰ Go up through her vine-rows and destroy, but do not make a full end;
strip away her branches, for they are not the LORD's.

¹¹ For the house of Israel and the house of Judah
have been utterly faithless to me, says the LORD.

¹² They have spoken falsely of the LORD, and have said, 'He will do
nothing.

No evil will come upon us, and we shall not see sword or famine.'

¹³ The prophets are nothing but wind, for the word is not in them.
Thus shall it be done to them!

¹⁴ Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: Because they have
spoken this word, I am now making my words in your mouth a fire,
and this people wood, and the fire shall devour them.

¹⁵ I am going to bring upon you a nation from far away, O house of Israel,
says the LORD. It is an enduring nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, nor can you understand what they say.

¹⁶ Their quiver is like an open tomb; all of them are mighty warriors.

¹⁷ They shall eat up your harvest and your food;

they shall eat up your sons and your daughters; they shall eat up your flocks and your herds; they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees;

they shall destroy with the sword your fortified cities in which you trust.

¹⁸ But even in those days, says the LORD, I will not make a full end of you. ¹⁹ And when your people say, 'Why has the LORD our God done all these things to us?' you shall say to them, 'As you have forsaken me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land that is not yours.'

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

A Song of the Lamb

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
Whose judgements are true and just.

Praise our God, all you his servants,
All who fear him, both small and great.

The lord our god, the Almighty, reigns:
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

For the marriage of the Lamb has come
And his bride has made herself ready.

Blessed are those who are invited
To the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
Be blessing and honour and glory and might,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Second Reading Romans 7: v7-25

⁷ What then should we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, 'You shall not covet.'⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law sin lies dead.⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived¹⁰ and I died, and the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.¹¹ For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.

¹³ Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, working death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin.¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self,²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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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.

The Creed

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

Prayers are offered

The Collect

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 Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
And keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

The Conclusion

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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, Christopher, Jane, 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- During Volunteers Week, we thank God for all volunteers, especially those in our local communities

Tues- Those still battling with the unusual weather

Wed- On St Boniface Day, we remember the patron saint of Devon, who gave his life for the gospel.

Thurs- On the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, we remember those who lost their lives in Normandy.

Fri- We pray for peace in our time, and for those still suffering in conflicts around the world.

Sat- We thank God for all volunteers in churches across Devon, all those supporting others through God's given gifts.

Next week:

10am: at Christ Church- Family Service with Wendy Roderick, LLM, and Bob and Patti Owens LLM's

6pm: at St Michael's, Brentor- Evensong, with the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland

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