



## 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.**

## **First Reading**

### **Psalm**

## **Second Reading**

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**