

Charlton Benefice
Sunday 2nd August - Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Livestreamed Service

Isla welcomes us to the service

Opening Hymn: Christ, the fair glory

President: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

President The Lord be with you
All: and also with you.

Welcome and introduction to the theme of the day

Prayer of Preparation

All: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Minister of the Word:

My sisters and brothers,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**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.**

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

All: Amen.

The Gloria

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

*The President introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.
The Collect is said, and all respond*

President: Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading – read by Roberta

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Read by Barbara

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.

They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

Gospel Reading – Read by Nick

Reader: Alleluia, alleluia.
We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes
from the mouth of God.

All: Alleluia.

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself.

But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.'

Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.'

They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – by Joe

After the sermon there is a period of quiet reflection.

The Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate
from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession – led by Catherine

Minister of the Word:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
and let us be thankful for God's goodness.

Prayers are offered for

- *the Church of Christ*
- *Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority*
- *the local community*
- *those who suffer*
- *the communion of saints*

After each prayer ...

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

All: **hear our prayer.**

After the final prayer ...

Intercessor: God of mercy,

All: **hear our prayer**
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy forever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President: 'Where two or three are gathered together
in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: Sometimes a light surprises

Preparation of the Table

President: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President: The Lord be with you
All: and also with you.

President: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.

President: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

President: Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh; as your Son,
born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us
on the cross; he put an end to death
by dying for us; and revealed
the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will
and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

President: Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again**

President: And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this
our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company
of St Thomas, St Luke and St Richard,
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom,
and with whom,
and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

President: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: 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.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**All: Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'

Invitation to Communion

President: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All: Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer before Distribution

**All: Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat
the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord,
are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us**

with the precious body and blood
of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we,
with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

Communion Music: Blessed Bread by Margaret Rizza

Prayer after Communion

President: Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

All: Amen

Notices

Final Prayer

All: Father of all, we give you thanks
and praise, that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son
and brought us home. Dying and living,
he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set
before us, so we and all your children
shall be free, and the whole earth live
to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing and Sending Out

President: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

President: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
And of his son, Jesus Christ
And the blessing of God Almighty
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be with you and remain with you always
Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Hymn: Guide me O thou great redeemer

Our worship is over: our service begins.

*Please stay on Zoom for a chat and fellowship time after the service,
or to join the Bible Study.*