

**CHARLTON BENEFICE
CHRISTMAS MORNING
ONLINE EUCHARIST 2020**

We are welcomed to the service and sing the first carol

Hymn - O come, all ye Faithful

The president greets the people.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

Blessing of the Crib

President Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the
birth of Christ, let us pray that God will
bless this crib, that all who worship his
Son, born of the Virgin Mary,
may come to share his life in glory.
God our Father, on this night [*day*]
your Son Jesus Christ was born of the
Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation:
bless this crib, which we have prepared
to celebrate that holy birth;
may all who see it be
strengthened in faith
and receive the fullness of life he came
to bring, who is alive and reigns for ever.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Christ the light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves
and confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid
in a manger: forgive our greed
and rejection of your ways.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of love, your servant Mary
responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

President May the God of all healing and
forgiveness
draw you to himself, that you may
behold
the glory of his Son, the Word made
flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer:

Almighty God, you have given us your
only-begotten Son to take
our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born
of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by
adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – read by Sonia

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – read by Rick

A reading from Paul's letter to Titus

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Hymn to greet the Gospel - Joy to the world

Gospel – read by Jim

Reader Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh
and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

All **Alleluia.**

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

at the end of the Gospel ...

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – preached by Revd Liz

After the sermon, there is a period of quiet reflection.

The Creed

President Let us declare our faith in God.
 **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

Intercessor Let us pray to our incarnate Lord,
who has brought us out of darkness
and into his own marvellous light.

Christ born for us,
Son of God given for us:
help us to know you,
to worship and to serve you ...

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Wonderful counsellor,
you order all things with your wisdom:
help the Church to reveal the mystery of
your love
and fill her with the Spirit of truth ...

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Mighty God,

the government is on your shoulders:
guide the leaders of the nations
and bring in your kingdom of justice and
righteousness ...

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father,
you call us to live together in unity:
protect by your mercy all your children,
bless our families and renew our
communities

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Prince of peace,
you bring reconciliation through the
cross:
by your healing power give to all who
suffer your gift of wholeness and peace.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Father,
full of the Spirit,
**hear our prayer,
receive our praises,
fill our lives. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called
the Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9.6*)
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn - Away in a manger

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Preparation of the Table

President Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation
you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your
riches.

All **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 Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning
you have created all things
and all your works echo
the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time
you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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 When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up
Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of
wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And now we give you thanks because,
in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world;
you have become one with us
that we might become one with you
in your glorious kingdom.

Father, we plead with confidence his
sacrifice made once for all upon the
cross;
we remember his dying and rising in
glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us
at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring
before you these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood
of your dear Son. As we eat and drink
these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ, and
build us into a living temple to your
glory.

Bring us at the last with Luke and
Richard, Thomas and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in the presence of God
here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

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.
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 Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

All We break the bread of life,
 and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, grant us peace.**

The Giving of Communion

President Christ is the true bread which has
 come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Prayer before Distribution

**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.

Music during Communion: This is the truth sent from above - arranged by Michael Cayton, sung by The St Martin's Singers

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

President God our Father, whose Word has come
among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

**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 Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,

All shed that love upon you his children.
Amen.

President May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

All **Amen.**

President May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became
the God-bearer, give you grace
to carry the good news of Christ.

All **Amen.**

President And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

All **Amen.**

President Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made
flesh.

All **Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

Recessional Hymn - O little town of Bethlehem

Our worship is over: our service begins.

A Joyful Christmas and Peaceful New Year to everyone!