**CHARLTON BENEFICE**

**ONLINE WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY 25th JULY 2021**

**THE GATHERING**

Music - **Holy Ground.**

**Ansai welcomes people to worship**

**Introit Hymn –** Eat this bread, drink this cup.

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

*The president greets the people*

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| *President* | The Lord be with you  **and also with you.** |
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**Prayer of Preparation**

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| *Ansai* | **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**

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| *Ansai* | God so loved the world  that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  to save us from our sins,  to be our advocate in heaven,  and to bring us to eternal life.  Let us confess our sins in penitence  and faith, firmly resolved  to keep God’s commandments  and to live in love and peace with all. |

*We confess our sins together*

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|  | **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,**  **we have sinned against you**  **and against our neighbour,**  **in what we have thought,**  **in what we have said and done,**  **through ignorance, through weakness,** **through our own deliberate fault.**  **We have wounded your love,**  **and marred your image in us.**  **We are sorry and ashamed,**  **and repent of all our sins.**  **For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  **who died for us,**  **forgive us all that is past**  **and lead us out from darkness**  **to walk as children of light.**  **Amen.** |

**Absolution**

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| *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.  **Amen.** |

**The Gloria** - from Mass of St Thomas, David Thorne.

**The Collect**

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

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.

**THE LITURGY**

**OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament Reading – read by Michael P**

A reading from the 2nd book of Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat.’ But his servant said, ‘How can I set this before a hundred people?’ So he repeated, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, “They shall eat and have some left.” ’ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

*(2 Kings 4 v 42 – end)*

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

**New Testament Reading – read by Ally W**

**A reading from the letter to the Ephesians**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

*(Ephesians 3 v 14 – end)*

*at the end of the reading …*

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

**Gradual Hymn –** Brother, sister, let me serve you.

**Gospel Reading – read by Deborah**

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

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|  | Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  **Glory to you, O Lord.** |

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.  A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’ Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

(John 6 v 1 – 21 - Feeding the Five Thousand - Jesus Walks on the Water)

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

**Sermon – Revd Liz**

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

**Ansai leads The Affirmation of Faith**

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|  | Let us declare our faith in God.  **We believe in God the Father,**  **from whom every family**  **in heaven and on earth is named.**  **We believe in God the Son,**  **who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**  **We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**  **who strengthens us**  **with power from on high.**  **We believe in one God:**  **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**  **Amen.** |

**Prayers of Intercession – led by Michael G**

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| *President* | Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us be thankful for God’s goodness. |

*Please sit.*

*Prayers and thanksgivings are now made.*

*After each prayer is said:*

*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 …*

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| *Intercessor* | Lord, in your mercy  **hear our prayer.** |
| *(or)* | Lord, hear us.  **Lord, graciously hear us.** |

*After the final prayer …*

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| *Intercessor* | God of mercy,  **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**

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|  | ‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name,’ says the Lord,  ‘there am I in the midst of them.’ |
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|  | The peace of the Lord be always with you.  **And also with you.**  Let us offer one another a sign of peace. |

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**Offertory Hymn –** All creatures of our God and King.

**Preparation of the Table**

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| *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**

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| *President* | The Lord be with you  **and also with you.**  Lift up your hearts.  **We lift them to the Lord.**  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  **It is right to give thanks and praise.**  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.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate.

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:

**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.**

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:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again**

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.

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|  | 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.  **Amen.** |

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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| *President* | As our Saviour taught us so we pray.  **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.** |

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| *President* | **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.** |
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**Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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| *President* | We break this bread  to share in the body of Christ.  **Though we are many,**  **we are one body,**  **because we all share in one bread.** |

**Agnus Dei -** from the Mass of St Cedd, by Peter Nardone.

**Invitation to Communion**

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|  | God’s holy gifts for God’s holy people.  **Jesus Christ is holy,**  **Jesus Christ is Lord,**  **to the glory of God the Father.** |

**Prayer before Distribution**

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|  | **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 Hymns – Oculi omnium, by Charles Wood.**

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept. The Post Communion prayer is said.*

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.

**Notices –** We’re going to pause the service now to give you time to answer 3 very important questions. We are committed to continuing online church and we want to get it right for you. So please give us the info we need by answering these questions. If you’re on zoom, post your answers on chat. If you’re on youtube.

If the service moved from 10am to 5pm, would you still attend?

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2. Do you prefer services livestreamed from church or from people’s homes?
3. Would you be prepared to help out as part of the tech team?

**Other Notices:**

TODAY  
1. Sadly St Thomas’ open-air SONGS OF PRAISE, has had to be cancelled this afternoon - due to forecasts of lightening and heavy rain, so please watch this space as plans are made for a late summer SONGS OF PRAISE IN THE CHURCHYARD, instead.

2. Compline was meant to be taking a summer holiday, however, it is so popular that Compline will carry on in a low-key way while Revd. Bennett is away. Just turn up as usual - Zoom ID meeting details are on our website and in our Newsletter.

TUESDAY

3. The Tuesday Group continues to meet over the summer holiday at St Thomas’ church, mid-morning.

WEDNESDAY

4. Over 60s coffee morning on Zoom continues on Wednesday mornings – please email admin@charlton.church if you would like more information.

THURSDAY

5. A simple Eucharist service takes place at midday every Thursday; held at St Luke’s church, this starts at 10 am with a period of private prayer first.

NEXT MONTH…

A Concert in aid of St Thomas’ new ‘Garden of Reflection’ in the churchyard, will take place on Sunday the 8th of August at 4pm. We would like to thank the professional musicians who are supporting this event and fundraiser. Please email [admin@charlton.church](mailto:admin@charltn.church) if you want to buy tickets.

Don’t forget tojoin us for coffee and toast at our online coffee morning and bible study groups, after this service has finished.

**Final Prayer**

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| *Ansai* | **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**

*Please stand.*

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| *President* | The Lord be with you  **and also with you.** |
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|  | May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit  in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  and the blessing of God almighty,  Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  come down upon you  and remain with you always.  **Amen.**  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  **In the name of Christ. Amen.** |

Final Hymn: Seek ye first the kingdom of God.

After the service: There is a Balm of Gilead, by Ben Brafford.