

**CHARLTON BENEFICE
ONLINE WORSHIP
SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST 2021
12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

THE GATHERING

Angelique welcomes people to worship

Introit Hymn - Ye holy angels bright

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

The president greets the people

President The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

Angelique **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

Angelique 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

**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

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.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.
Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – read by Angelique

A reading from the Book of Joshua

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

at the end of the reading ...

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

New Testament Reading – read by Arek

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

at the end of the reading ...

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

Gradual Hymn - All people that on earth do dwell

Gospel Reading – read by Revd Joe

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

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

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

Sermon – Revd Joe

After the sermon there is a period of quiet reflection.

Joe leads The Affirmation of Faith

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.**

Now Ally is leading intercessions. Please make yourselves comfortable for them.

Prayers of Intercession – led by Ally

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 ...

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or) Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final prayer ...

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

Words of introduction are said, followed by:

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 - Bright the vision that delighted

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
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.

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

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.**

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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 Mass of St Cedd by Peter Nardone

Invitation to Communion

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

**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: Tantum ergo by Déodat de Séverac,
Blessed bread by Margaret Rizza

O for a closer walk with God by Grayston Ives

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion prayer is said.

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Notices - Joe

Final Prayer

Angelique **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.

President **The Lord be with you
and also with you.**

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.

Angelique – Thank you for joining our worship today. We hope it has lifted your spirit and inspired you to serve God in the days ahead. Before we leave, though, we sing our final hymn, O Lord my God (How great thou art)

Final Hymn: - O Lord my God (How great thou art)

After the service: Prelude G Major by JS Bach. Played by Charlie Brusquini