

**CHARLTON BENEFICE
LIVE-STREAMED EUCHARIST
ADVENT SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER**

THE GATHERING

Amabel welcomes people to worship

Introit hymn: Lo, he comes with clouds descending

The Preparation

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

*The president greets the people and sets out
the eucharistic theme*

President The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

(or) Grace, mercy and peace
 from God our Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ
 be with you
 and also with you.

Prayer of preparation

Amabel **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

Amabel When the Lord comes, he will bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ
let us confess our sins.

Amabel Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Joe Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all
goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

*The President introduces a period of silent prayer
with the words 'Let us pray'.*

The Collect is said, and all respond
Amen.

**THE LITURGY
OF THE WORD**

Old Testament Reading – read by Amabel

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

at the end of the reading ...

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading – read by Jenny

A reading from Paul's letter to the church at Thessalonica

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

at the end of the reading ...

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

Gradual Hymn - The Advent of our King

Gospel Reading – read by Sonia

Reader Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight, and all flesh
shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia.

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

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon,
and the stars, and on the earth distress
among nations confused by the roaring of
the sea and the waves. People will faint
from fear and foreboding of what is
coming upon the world, for the powers of
the heavens will be shaken. Then they will
see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud”
with power and great glory. Now when
these things begin to take place, stand up
and raise your heads, because your
redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the
fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they
sprout leaves you can see for yourselves
and know that summer is already near. So
also, when you see these things taking
place, you know that the kingdom of God
is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will
not pass away until all things have taken

place. Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

at the end of the Gospel ...

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

Sermon

Revd Joe preaches

After the sermon there is a period of silence.

Affirmation of Faith

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 Rick

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

Please sit.

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 Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

*The candle is lit and the prayer said for the appropriate
week of Advent.*

Advent 1

President People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon when you shall
see God face to face. Remember the
ways and the works of God. God calls
you out of darkness to walk in the light
of his coming. You are God's children.
**Lord, make us one as we walk with
Christ, today and for ever.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

President In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high
shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in
darkness and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of
peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We all exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn: Sleepers, wake! the watch-cry pealeth

Preparation of the Gifts

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of
grace.

You gave your people the law
and taught us by your prophets to look
for your reign of justice, mercy and peace. As we
watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we
echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore
praising you and *saying*:

**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 God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you
reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way
of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself
to death for us;
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of
sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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.**

Therefore we proclaim the death
that he suffered on the cross;
we celebrate his resurrection,
his bursting from the tomb;
we rejoice that he reigns
at your right hand on high;
and we long for his coming in glory.
As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice
of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit
let these gifts of your creation be to us the
body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people, and
in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free, and
fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to
feast with Luke and Richard, Thomas and all your
saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new
creation is brought to perfection in 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.
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.**

(or) Let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the 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 **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.**

(or)

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

President Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood,
which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance
that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

(or)

**Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those
who are called to his supper.**

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

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 Hymn: Come, thou long expected Jesus

Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept. The Post Communion
or other suitable prayer is said.*

Notices – given by Joe

Final Prayer

Amabel **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies**

to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

**THE BLESSING
AND SENDING OUT**

President The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness
shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your
path,
and make you ready to meet him
when he comes in glory;
and the blessing ...
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn - O come, O come, Emmanuel

