

**CHARLTON BENEFICE
EUCCHARIST STREAMED FROM HOME
ADVENT SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

THE GATHERING

Ansai welcomes people to worship

Introit hymn: Long ago, prophets knew

The Preparation

Liz 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.

Prayer of preparation

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

Ansai 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.

Ansai 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

Liz 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

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your
 Son: give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – read by Michael

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
 shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.
at the end of the reading ...

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading – read by Deb

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

at the end of the reading ...

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

Gradual Hymn - Come thou long expected Jesus

Gospel Reading – read by Ally

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.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his

sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people

at the end of the Gospel ...

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

Sermon

Revd Liz 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 Naomi

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 3

People of God: return!
You are called to be God's own.
From the mountains announce the good news.
God comes in justice and peace,
to all who follow his ways.
You are God's children.
**Lord,
make us one in the peace of 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: Longing for light we wait in darkness

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: Eat this bread

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly
gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Notices – given by Liz

Final Prayer

Ansai

**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 - Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Music after the service: O Come, O come Emmanuel played
by Joseph Spooner and Nicholas Bosworth