

CHARLTON BENEFICE  
LIVE-STREAMED EUCHARIST  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

THE GATHERING

**Judith welcomes people to worship**

**Introit hymn:** 140: All hail the power of Jesus' name!

**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**

*Judith* **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**

*Judith* When the Lord comes, he will bring to light  
*th* 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.

*Judith* Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
*th* 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**

*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 Judith**

A reading from the prophet Micah

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
    who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
    one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
    from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
    when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
    to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of  
the Lord,  
    in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
    to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

*at the end of the reading ...*

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **New Testament Reading – read by Barbara**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken  
pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and  
sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he  
added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the  
first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's  
will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the  
body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*at the end of the reading ...*

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

**Gradual Hymn - 483: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates**

## **Gospel Reading – read by Arek**

*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.**

In those days Mary set out and went with  
haste to a Judean town in the hill  
country, where she entered the house of  
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When  
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child  
leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled  
with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud  
cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and  
blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why  
has this happened to me, that the mother of  
my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I  
heard the sound of your greeting, the child in  
my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she  
who believed that there would be a fulfilment  
of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness  
of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call  
me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for  
me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts  
of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their  
thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our  
ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants for  
ever.'

*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

*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 4**

*President* People of God: prepare!  
God, above all, maker of all,  
is one with us in Christ.  
Maranatha!  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**  
God, the mighty God,  
bends down in love to earth.  
Maranatha!  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**  
God with us, God beside us,  
comes soon to the world he has made.  
Maranatha!  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**  
We are God's children,  
we seek the coming Christ.  
Maranatha!  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**

### **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:** 422: Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord

#### **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.**

### **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: 311: Virgin born, we bow before thee**

### **Prayer after Communion**

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

### **Notices – given by Liz**

### **Final Prayer**

*Judith*      **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 - 26: O come, O come, Emmanuel**

