

**CHARLTON BENEFICE
ONLINE WORSHIP
SUNDAY 2nd January 2022
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
THE GATHERING**

Introit Hymn - 35: As with gladness men of old

The Preparation

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

All **Amen.**

The president introduces the celebration.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Prayer of Preparation

Deborah- **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.**

Deborah – let's confess together the ways in which we've let God down.

The grace of God

has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us
to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through
weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
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 grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

President 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.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty
God and Father, we worship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for
your glory.
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated
at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
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 Deborah

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

at the end of the reading ...

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

New Testament Reading – read by Jose

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

at the end of the reading ...

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

Gradual Hymn - 405: O worship the King all glorious above

Gospel Reading – read by 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 Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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.

The Creed

Joe 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.**

Intercessions

*President Let us pray for the church and for the
world
and let us be thankful for God's
goodness*

This morning's Intercessions are led by Liz

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*
- *and the communion of saints. After each prayer*

*Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.*

(or)

Intercessor Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

After the final prayer

Intercessor Merciful Father,

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

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

President If our life in Christ means anything,
if love can persuade at all
or the spirit that we have in common,
or any tenderness and sympathy,
then be united in your conviction
and united in your love,
With a common purpose
and a common mind.
The peace of the Lord be always with
you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn - 196: Hills of the north rejoice

Preparation of the Gifts

President Be present, be present, Lord Jesus
Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking
of bread.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President 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*:

All **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.**

President 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.

All **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

President 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.

All **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

President 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.

All **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

President 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.

All **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

President Christ is the bread of life
All **When we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord
Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

President 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.

All **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

President Gather your people
from the ends of the earth to feast
with Thomas, Luke and Richard,
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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one
body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

All **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.

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

(or)
President Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those
who are called to his supper.

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

(or)
President God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

All **We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful
Lord, trusting in our own
righteousness, but in your
manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to
gather up the crumbs under your
table. But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have
mercy. Grant us therefore,
gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh
of your dear Son Jesus Christ and
to drink his blood, that our sinful
bodies may be made clean by his
body and our souls washed
through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in
him, and he in us.
Amen.**

Communion Hymn - 34: As we are gathered, Jesus is here

Prayer after Communion

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

Notices – given by Joe

Final Prayer

Deborah **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.**

Blessing and Sending Out

Please stand.

President Christ the Son of God perfect in you
the image of his glory, and gladden
your hearts with the good news of his
kingdom; and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Final Hymn - 424: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation