

**CHARLTON BENEFICE
ONLINE WORSHIP
SUNDAY 9th JANUARY 2022
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
THE GATHERING**

PATRICIA and KAYIN welcome people to worship

Introit Hymn: 195 - He Who Would Valiant Be

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.

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

Prayer of Preparation

***KAYIN-* 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.**

PATRICIA – 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 PATRICIA

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

at the end of the reading ...

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

New Testament Reading – read by Gina

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

at the end of the reading ...

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

Gradual Hymn: 283 Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Gospel Reading – read by Bennett

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 Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

Sermon – Revd Bennett

After the sermon there is a period of quiet reflection.

The Creed

***Bennett* 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 Ian

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: 179 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Preparation of the Gifts

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the 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

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: 1 Abba Father Let Me Be

Prayer after Communion

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

Notices – given by Bennett

Final Prayer

KAYIN **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: number 227 Immortal, invisible, God only wise