

**CHARLTON BENEFICE**  
**SUNDAY 28 August**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**THE GATHERING**

**Michael welcomes people to worship**

**Introit Hymn** – Glorious things of thee are spoken

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

*The president greets the people*

*President* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

**Prayer of Preparation**

*Peter* **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**

*Michael* My sisters and brothers,  
As we prepare to celebrate the presence  
of Christ in word and sacrament,  
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

*Pause*

*Michael - We confess our sins together -*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you**

and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.

### **Absolution**

*Bennett*      May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our  
Lord.  
Amen.

### **The Gloria**

### **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 Michael**

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;  
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.  
For the beginning of pride is sin,  
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.  
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,  
and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,  
and enthrones the lowly in their place.  
The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,  
and plants the humble in their place.  
The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,  
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.  
He removes some of them and destroys them,  
and erases the memory of them from the earth.  
Pride was not created for human beings,  
or violent anger for those born of women.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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

#### **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*at the end of the reading ...*

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** - Come down, O Love divine

**Gospel Reading – read by Alison**

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.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

*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 Affirmation of Faith**

*President:* Let us declare our faith in God.

**All:** **We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession – led by Marie**

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

*Prayers and thanksgivings are now made.*

*After each prayer ...*

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

*(or)* Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*After the final prayer ...*

*Intercessor* God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy forever. Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace**

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn - Abide with me

### Preparation of the Table

*President* Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the  
majesty; for everything in heaven  
and on earth is yours.  
**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven.  
**Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

*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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,  
your living Word, through whom you  
have created all things; who was sent by  
you in your great goodness to be our  
Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh; as your Son,  
born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us  
on the cross; he put an end to death  
by dying for us; and revealed  
the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will

and won for you a holy people.

*Short Proper Preface, when appropriate.*

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *singing*:

**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, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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**

And so, Father,  
calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once

for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of  
praise and thanksgiving, we bring before  
you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one  
cup, so that we, in the company  
of St Thomas, St Luke and St Richard, and  
all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through 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.**

*President* **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**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

#### **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: Who can sound the depths of sorrow

#### **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept. The Post Communion prayer is said..*

## Banns and notices

### Final Prayer

*Michael*     **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.**

### THE BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

*President*     **The Lord be with you  
and also with you.**

May the Father from whom every family  
in earth and heaven receives its name  
strengthen you with his Spirit  
in your inner being, so that Christ may  
dwell in your hearts by faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
come down upon you  
and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Final Hymn: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord