

**Charlton Benefice
Online Worship
Sunday 27th November
First Sunday of Advent**

THE GATHERING

Miriam welcomes people to worship.

Introit Hymn

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

Miriam **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

Miriam 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.

Miriam -

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.

There is no Gloria in Lent

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 Miriam

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Miriam – **now Fola will read the New Testament lesson**

New Testament Reading – read by Fola

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading – read by Revd Liz

Reader: Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
All: Alleluia.

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Revd Liz

After the sermon there is a period of quiet reflection

President: Now Sheila / Jim is leading intercessions. Please make yourselves comfortable for them.

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

Prayers of Intercession – led by Sheila / Jim

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 Lighting of the Advent Candles

The first candle is lit

Advent 1

Liz People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children.
Lord, make us one as we walk with 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.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

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.**

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.

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

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion prayer is said.

Notices – given by Jim

Final Prayer

Miriam **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.

Final Hymn