

**Charlton Benefice
Online Worship
Sunday 4TH December
Second Sunday of Advent**

THE GATHERING

Amabel welcomes people to worship

We sing our first hymn number 272 Heaven shall not Wait

HYMN – 272 Heaven shall not Wait

President 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.

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

**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.**

PAUSE

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.

**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.
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

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading – read by Fiona

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name';

and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him';

and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

at the end of the reading ...

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

Gradual Hymn 295_How lovely on the Mountains.

Gospel Reading

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.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight." '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon - Owen

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

President Let us declare our faith in God.

Form A **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.

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.

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

Advent 2

President People of God: be glad! Your God delights in you, giving you joy for sadness and turning the dark to light. Be strong in hope therefore; for your God comes to save. You are God's children.
Lord, make us one in the love of 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.

Offertory Hymn – 480_0 Come O Come

Preparation of the Table

Eucharistic Prayer

Lords Prayer

Breaking of the bread

Agnus Dei

Communion hymn – Wait for the Lord

Prayer after Communion

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

Notices – given by Judith, Church Warden

Final Prayer

**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 of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down
upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn Recessional, 527_On Jordan's bank

Our worship is over: our service begins.