

**CHARLTON BENEFICE  
ONLINE WORSHIP  
SUNDAY 22nd January 2022  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY  
THE GATHERING**

**Jim welcomes people to worship**

**Introit Hymn**

***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.*

*President* The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

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

*All* **and also with you.**

**Prayer of Preparation**

*JIM* **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.**

**Prayer of Penitence**

*JIM* 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.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading – read by JIM**

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*at the end of the reading ...*

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

## New Testament Reading – read by Rachel

### A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*at the end of the reading ...*

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

### Gradual Hymn

### Gospel Reading

*Reader* Alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ was revealed in flesh,  
proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in throughout the world.

*All* **Alleluia.**

*Reader* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to *Matthew*

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the  
Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of  
heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon,  
who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the  
lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me,  
and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets  
and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other  
brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat  
with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called  
them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed  
him.

*Reader* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – Revd Liz

*Please sit. After the sermon  
we keep a short period of silence.*

The Creed

***All***            **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 – led by Liz B

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

*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)*            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

*Please stand.*

*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.**

*President*    Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Gradual Hymn

### 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.**

*President*    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.

*All* **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*President* 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.

*All* **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 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.

*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.

*(or)* Let us pray with confidence  
as our Saviour has taught us.

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and 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.**

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*(or)* 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)* 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***

### **Prayer after Communion**

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

### **Notices – given by Liz**

### **Final Prayer**

*Minister of the Word*      **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.**

*President*      **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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

## Recessional Hymn