

CHARLTON BENEFICE
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER EUCHARIST

Gina welcomes us to worship.

Introit Hymn

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

The Greeting

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**
President Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The president may repeat the acclamation, getting louder each time. The president then welcomes the people and sets out the eucharistic theme.

Prayers of Penitence

GINA Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins
with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept.

GINA Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

GINA Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

GINA Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

President 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.
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

President Let us pray that we may reign
with the risen Christ in glory.

The president then leads the Collect, to which the congregation responds **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading – read by Gina

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

At the end of the reading ...

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

New Testament Reading – read by Arek

A reading from the first letter of Peter

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

At the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading – read by Liz

Reader Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All **Alleluia.**

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what

had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

At the end of the Gospel ..

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

Sermon - Liz

Intercessions – led by Ali

President In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

Please sit. Prayers are offered

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.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

President The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia.

All The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with these words
Christ is risen.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

President Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest; and make yourself known
in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

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 It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy
Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things
from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him
to be born
of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand
on high.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us
a people for your own possession.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President And now we give you thanks because in his
victory over the grave a new age has dawned, the
long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed and humanity is
once again made whole.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever 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 Accept our praises, heavenly Father,

through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his
command, grant that by the power of your Holy
Spirit these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
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.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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 **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and
this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord. 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 Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of
thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love, and unite us in the body
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President Through him, and with him, and in him, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before
you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father
almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

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.

(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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover
is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept. The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.
All respond Amen.*

Notices

Final Prayer

GINA

We say together ...

All

**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

President

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

President

God, who through the Resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN

Our worship is over: our service begins.