

**CHARLTON BENEFICE EUCHARIST
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

HARRIET 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

HARRIET 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.

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Christ, have mercy.**

HARRIET 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 HARRIET

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

At the end of the reading ...

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

New Testament Reading – read by Jeffrey

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner',

and

'A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

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 John
Glory to you O Lord

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

At the end of the Gospel ..

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon - Liz

Affirmation of faith – led by Liz

Intercessions – led by Ian

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

HARRIET 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