

CHARLTON BENEFICE  
ONLINE WORSHIP  
SUNDAY 18TH JUNE  
JUSTICE SUNDAY  
REFUGEES  
THE GATHERING

**Jim welcomes people to worship**

**Introit Hymn – A New Commandment**

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

*The president greets the people*

Come, O people of God, let us worship the Lord.

**Let us kneel before the Lord, our God and maker.**

Gathered, as we are, from east and west, from south and north.

**We do not adhere to earthly categories or worldly distinctions.**

Here, it does not matter what language we speak or what land we come from.

**It does not matter how we got here or how long it has been**

In this place, We are no longer strangers and aliens,

**We are all citizens with the saints and members of the household of God**

*President* The Lord be with you  
**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.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

*Jim* God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence  
and faith, firmly resolved  
to keep God's commandments

and to live in love and peace with all.

*Jim - We confess our sins together*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness, through  
our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

### **Absolution**

*Joe*            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.  
**Amen.**

### **The Gloria**

### **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 Jim**

#### **A reading from the book of Exodus**

Then he summoned Moses and Aaron in the night, and said, 'Rise up, go away from my people, both you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord, as you said. Take your flocks and your herds, as you said, and be gone. And bring a blessing on me too!'

The Egyptians urged the people to hasten their departure from the land, for they said, 'We shall all be dead.' So the people took their dough before it was leavened, with their kneading-bowls wrapped up in their cloaks on their shoulders. The Israelites had done as Moses told them; they had asked the Egyptians

for jewellery of silver and gold, and for clothing, and the Lord had given the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. And so they plundered the Egyptians.

The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. A mixed crowd also went up with them, and livestock in great numbers, both flocks and herds. They baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt; it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.

The time that the Israelites had lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. At the end of four hundred and thirty years, on that very day, all the companies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. That was for the Lord a night of vigil, to bring them out of the land of Egypt. That same night is a vigil to be kept for the Lord by all the Israelites throughout their generations.

*at the end of the reading ...*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **New Testament Reading – read by Gina**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*at the end of the reading ...*

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

We watch an interview with Oksana Kalala, founder of Ukrainian Support, Greenwich

### **Gradual Hymn - Brother, Let Me Be Your Servant**

### **Gospel Reading – read by Owen**

*Reader*            Alleluia, alleluia.  
We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.

## **Alleluia.**

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

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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

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**Owen – introduces the interview with Rob Keeling, volunteer with Care for Calais**

**We watch the interview with Rob Keeling**

**Owen shares some thoughts about refugees**

*After the sermon there is a period of quiet reflection*

**The Affirmation of Faith**

*Joe*                Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us**

**with power from on high.  
We believe in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Joe introduces the interactive prayers

Joe draws together the prayers with the following words:

Lord, forgive all among us who put boundaries around your presence, love and work; who use diversity to divide people - to demonise some and accord privileged status to others; who seek to dominate or destroy those who are different.

Have mercy on us all.

Show us all how to live and work with others; to receive diversity as a gift and not a threat; to move beyond tolerance of those who are different to mutual respect and trust. Show us the art of listening with respect to one another. Grant us the help of your Spirit that in humility we may share with others our faith and story.

In the name of Christ. Amen

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace**

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord,  
'there am I in the midst of them.'

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** - I am not forgotten

**Preparation of the Table**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Agnus Dei**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Prayer before Distribution**

Communion hymn - God's Spirit is in my heart

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept. The Post Communion prayer is said.*

### **Notices**

#### **THE BLESSING AND SENDING OUT**

*President*      The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

God has told us what is good,  
Made known what is required of all of us.  
So, God of immeasurable love,  
Empower and embolden us,  
as we go from this place –  
to do justice,  
to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Final Hymn: When I needed a neighbour