

**CHARLTON BENEFICE
ONLINE WORSHIP
SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER
JUSTICE SUNDAY - HARVEST
THE GATHERING**

Jim welcomes people to worship

Introit Hymn

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

The president greets the people

President The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.**

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 – Let's confess our sins together

CONFESSION

We confess the ways we have not respected the gift of the earth:
deforestation, species extinction, the climate crisis.

Loving God, move us beyond despair, turn us towards action.

God of creation, we give thanks for the soil:
For the life it sustains and the abundance it yields.
We confess the ways we have not respected the gift of the soil: over-cultivation, dumping waste, aggressive mining.

Loving God, move us beyond despair, turn us towards action.

God of creation, we give thanks for water:
For its cleansing freshness, quenching our thirst.
We confess the ways we have not respected the gift of water: plastic pollution, overfishing, chemical poisoning.

Loving God, move us beyond despair, turn us towards action.

God of creation, instil in us a spirit of repentance that we may act to protect, heal and cherish the earth, the soil, and water.
Amen.

Absolution

Liz 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

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."'

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

at the end of the reading ...

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

New Testament lesson read by Jane

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading – read by Liz

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 John
Glory to you, O Lord.

'Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Sermon – Revd Liz

After the sermon there is a period of quiet reflection.

Liz leads The Affirmation of Faith

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 – led by Arek

President Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us be thankful for God's goodness.

Prayers and thanksgivings are now made.

After each prayer is said:

Prayers are offered for

- *the Church of Christ*
- *Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority*
- *the local community*
- *those who suffer*
- *the communion of saints*

After each prayer ...

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.**

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.

Jim – Any harvest gifts you have brought today for Greenwich Foodbank or that those watching from home can give online will find their way to individuals and families who don't have enough to get by. So your gifts will not only help them practically, they are also a sign of the generous love that God first shows to us. Please bring those gifts up now to be received and at the altar so Liz can pray over them.

When all received

Liz - Dear God, thank you for the small things of the world:
the acorn that grows into a mighty oak, the smallest acts of kindness to others.
Sometimes the problems of the world feel too big for us to change.
Help us to have faith that even our little actions can make a difference,
and that we can make a better world,
in our local community and beyond.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table

President Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the
majesty; for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word,
through whom you have created all
things; who was sent by you in your
great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh; as your Son,
born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us
on the cross; he put an end to death
by dying for us; and revealed
the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will
and won for you a holy people.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *singing*:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again

And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving, we bring before
you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one
cup, so that we, in the company
of St Thomas, St Luke and St Richard, and
all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through 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.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

**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.**

President **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 We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer before Distribution

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat
the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our
salvation, and share your bread with
sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the
precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of
Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion prayer is said.

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Communion hymn

Prayer after communion

Notices

Final Prayer

Jim **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.**

THE BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

Please stand.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ has come to proclaim God's kingdom:

Female: to feed the hungry

Male: to give sight to the blind,

Female: to strengthen the weary,

Male: to set the prisoners free

President: May God who created enough for everyone's

need, fill us equally with love and anger

May Christ who shared food with the multitude

Teach us how to share

May the Spirit who makes a new world possible

Help us to make it real.

And may the blessing.....

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Hymn