

**CHARLTON BENEFICE**  
**Order of service**  
**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**JUSTICE SUNDAY – MENTAL HEALTH**  
**THE GATHERING**

**MIRIAM 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*

Come and bring your hidden places.  
Come and bring your hurting spaces.  
Come and eat with hearts that break.  
Come and drink, new worlds to make.  
Come and feast, your vision spread.  
Despair and Hope connects the fed.  
Jesus says, 'Come!'

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

**Prayer of Preparation**

*Miriam* **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**

*Miriam* 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.

*Miriam- 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.***

## OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading – read by Miriam

#### A reading from the book of Numbers

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child", to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favour in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.'

So the LORD said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself.'

*at the end of the reading ...*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### New Testament Reading – read by Jane

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

*at the end of the reading ...*

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

### **Gradual Hymn**

### **Gospel Reading – read by Joe**

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

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

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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

### **Sermon – Revd Joe**

*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.**

President: Now Arek is leading intercessions. Please make yourselves comfortable for them.

### **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.

*Please sit.*

*Prayers and thanksgivings are now made.*

*After each prayer is said:*

*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.*

**Offertory Hymn**

**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

**Prayer after Communion**

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

**Notices**

**Final Prayer**

*Miriam*      **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.*

*President* Litany of the Cross

Leader: The cross...

**We shall take it.**

Leader: The bread...

**We shall break it.**

Leader: The pain...

**We shall bear it.**

Leader: The joy...

**We shall share it.**

Leader: The gospel...

**We shall live it.**

Leader: The love...

**We shall give it.**

Leader: The light...

**We shall cherish it.**

Leader: The darkness...

**God shall perish it. Amen.**

The Iona Community

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

### BLESSING

May you be blessed with life's abundance and blessed in poor days too,

learning again what really matters and what lasts.

May you never give in to despair or the lie that nothing can change.

May you find ways of life and walk them with courage, knowing that every step is within the heart of Christ who holds all our days in love.

And the blessing.....

**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Final Hymn