

**Charlton Benefice  
Online Worship  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Second Sunday of Advent**

**THE GATHERING**

**Miriam welcomes people to worship.**

Hymn

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

**Amen.**

*The president greets the people and sets out  
the eucharistic theme*

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

*(or)* Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

**MIRIAM – We confess our sins together**

**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.**

*PAUSE*

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
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 grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

### **Absolution**

*President* Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness, and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **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 Miriam**

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,

that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**MIRIAM** – now Maria will read the New Testament lesson

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

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,  
*at the end of the reading ...*

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

### **Gospel Reading – read by Bennett**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**All: Alleluia.**

*Reader:* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight”’, John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with

a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon – Revd Bennett**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*President* Let us declare our faith in God.

*Form A* **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made**

**Prayers of Intercession – led by Ian**

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

*After each prayer ...*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

(or) Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*After the final prayer ...*

*Intercessor* Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **The Lighting of the Advent Candles**

### **Advent 1**

*President* People of God: be glad!  
Your God delights in you,  
giving you joy for sadness  
and turning the dark to light.  
Be strong in hope therefore;  
for your God comes to save.  
You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one in the love of Christ,  
today and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace**

*President* In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high  
shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Offertory Hymn**

#### **Preparation of the Table**

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.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth  
you have spoken your word,  
and all things have come into being.  
You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.  
Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.  
Again and again you drew us  
into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the law  
and taught us by your prophets to look  
for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.  
As we watch  
for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and *saying*:

**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 God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ

you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.  
Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise  
and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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.**

Therefore we proclaim the death  
that he suffered on the cross;  
we celebrate his resurrection,  
his bursting from the tomb;  
we rejoice that he reigns  
at your right hand on high;  
and we long for his coming in glory.  
As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice  
of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit



let these gifts of your creation be to us the  
body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.  
Look with favour on your people, and  
in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth, heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free, and  
fill your Church with power from on high.  
Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with  
Luke and Richard, Thomas and all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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.**

#### **Lords Prayer**

**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**

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**

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those  
who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

**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.**

**Communion hymn**

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept. The Post Communion  
or other suitable prayer is said.*

**Notices**

**Final Prayer**

*MIRIAM* **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you  
our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

**THE BLESSING  
AND SENDING OUT**

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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness  
shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him  
when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn**