

CHARLTON BENEFICE
LIVE-STREAMED EUCHARIST
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER

THE GATHERING

CATHERINE welcomes people to worship

Introit hymn

The Preparation

Liz 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.

Prayer of preparation

Catherine **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

CATHERINE 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.

CATHERINE Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory

with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Liz 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 Catherine

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has
anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the
broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the
prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of
vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those
who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil
of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a
faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to
display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise
up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the
devastations of many generations.

For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an
everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their
offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered
me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself

with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

at the end of the reading ...

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

CATHERINE – Now Jeffrey has the New Testament reading

New Testament Reading – read by Jeffrey

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He

confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

at the end of the Gospel ...

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

Sermon

Revd Liz preaches

After the sermon there is a period of silence.

Affirmation of Faith

President Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and
the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession – led by Jane

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

After the final prayer ...

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

*The candle is lit and the prayer said for the appropriate week of
Advent.*

Advent 3

President People of God: return!
You are called to be God's own.
From the mountains announce the good
news.
God comes in justice and peace,
to all who follow his ways.

You are God's children.
Lord,
make us one in the peace 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.

We all exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn:

Preparation of the Gifts

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.

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.

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.
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.**

The Breaking of the 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 **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 Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood,
which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance
that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

(or) 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.**

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.**

Communion Hymn:

Prayer after Communion

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

Notices

Final Prayer

Catherine **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 ... **Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn