

**Charlton Benefice, Livestream Service
January 28: Candlemas and Generous Giving**

GINA welcomes us to worship

Introit Hymn

The Preparation

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

The president introduces the celebration.

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

Prayer of Preparation

All	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.
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Gina: We pause now to remember the ways in which we've let God down over recent days and have failed to be the loving people God calls us to be...

Prayer of Penitence

Gina:	The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. 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.
All	Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

New Testament Reading: read by Peter

at the end of the reading ...

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

Gospel Reading – read by Owen

Reader	Alleluia, alleluia. Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.
All	Alleluia.
Reader	Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All	Glory to you, O Lord.

at the end of the Gospel ...

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

Sermon and a time to read, reflect and respond – Owen and Revd Liz

After the sermon we keep a short period of silence.

The Creed

All 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.

Intercessions: led by the Churchwardens

President	Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us be thankful for God's goodness
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After each prayer

	Lord, hear us.
All	Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final prayer

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

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

President	If our life in Christ means anything, if love can persuade at all or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your conviction and united in your love, With a common purpose and a common mind. The peace of the Lord be always with you
All	and also with you.
President	Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Gifts

President	Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
All	Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President	The Lord be with you
All	and also with you.
President	Lift up your hearts.
All	We lift them to the Lord.

President	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All	It is right to give thanks and praise.
President	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:
All	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.
President	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.
All	Amen. Lord, we believe.
President	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.
All	Amen. Lord, we believe.
President	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.
All	Amen. Lord, we believe.
President	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.
All	Amen. Lord, we believe.
President	Christ is the bread of life
All	When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.
President	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.

All	Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
President	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.
All	Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

President	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.
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All	Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

President	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.
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All	Amen.
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The Lord's Prayer

President	As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
All	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

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

Agnus Dei

All	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.
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(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.
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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.
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All	Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.
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(or)	Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
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All	Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.
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(or)	God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
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All	Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
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All	We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.
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Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

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

Notices

Prayers of Unity for Charlton Benefice – led by Liz

Final Prayer

Minister of the Word	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.
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	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.
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Blessing and Sending Out

Please stand.

President	leads a post communion prayer
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All	Amen.
President	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All	In the name of Christ. Amen.

Gina: Our worship together is coming to an end, and soon we'll go out into the world to share and to be Good News. But if you're able, do stay for refreshments and a social time before you go. And let's end our service by praising the God that never lets us down. Our final hymn is number 249 - GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Final Hymn