

**ORDER OF SERVICE  
CHARLTON BENEFICE EUCHARIST 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2024  
THE GATHERING**

**BARBARA welcomes people to worship**

*HYMN*

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

*All* **Amen.**

**The Greeting**

*The president greets the people.*

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

*Words of welcome are said and the theme introduced.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

**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**

*Minister* The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
*of* a broken and contrite heart  
*the Word* God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord,  
who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions  
in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness  
and lack of love: fill us with your  
Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Minister of the Word* We confess to you our fear and failure  
in sharing our faith: fill us with your  
Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Minister of the Word* We confess to you our stubbornness  
and lack of trust: fill us with your  
Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*We keep a period of silence.*

*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.**

*There is no Gloria in Lent.*

## **The Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said, and all respond **Amen***

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading – read by Barbara**

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour

*at the end of the reading ...*

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

*at the end of the reading ...*

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

Hymn

### **Gospel Reading – read by Pero**

*Gospel reader* Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory.  
The Lord is a great God:  
O that today you would listen to his  
voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*at the end of the reading ...*

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

### **Sermon – Revd Liz**

*After the sermon, there is a period of silence.*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand.*

*President* Do you believe and trust in God the  
Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

*President* Do you believe and trust in God the  
Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

*President* Do you believe and trust in God  
the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

*All* **We believe and trust in him.**

*President* This is the faith of the Church.

*All* **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions – led by Blanca

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

*Prayers are offered for the Church of Christ, Creation, human society, the  
Sovereign and those in authority, the local community, those who suffer, and and  
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.**

## **LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace**

*Please stand.*

*President* Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**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 Table**

*President* God of our journey, as we walk with  
you  
on your path of obedience, sustain us  
on our way and lead us to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*President* The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

*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* Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your  
world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your  
praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

*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* Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your  
light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love  
and washed the guilty clean.  
This is his story.

*All* **This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*President* The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.  
This is his story.

*All* **This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*President* Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks,  
broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

*All* This is our story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread  
and this cup we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again, and is alive  
with you to plead for us and all the world.  
This is our story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*President* Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

*All* **Blessing and honour  
and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Please sit or kneel.*

*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

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

*(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* Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those  
who are called to his supper.

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

*(or)*

*President* God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

*All* **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## Prayer before Distribution

*All*            **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 - Barbara**

*Minister  
of  
the Word*    **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**

*Please stand.*

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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,

to deny yourselves, take up your cross,  
and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
come down upon you  
and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn**

*Our worship is over: our service begins.*