

CHARLTON BENEFICE
ORDER OF SERVICE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
5TH MAY 2024

Jim welcomes people to worship.

Introit Hymn

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

President The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The president may repeat the acclamation, getting louder each time. The president then welcomes the people and sets out the eucharistic theme.

Prayers of Penitence

JIM Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept.

JIM Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of
your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

JIM Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

JIM Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

President 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.

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

President Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

The president then leads the Collect, to which the congregation responds
Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading – read by JIM

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for

they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

At the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading – read by Olivia

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

At the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading – read by Revd Joe

Reader Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead,
and behold I am alive for evermore.

All **Alleluia.**

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

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

At the end of the Gospel ..

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

Sermon - Joe

Affirmation of faith – led by Joe

Intercessions – led by Jane

President In joy and hope let us pray to the
Father.

Please sit. Prayers are offered

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 Eucharist

The Peace

President The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with
you
All **and also with you. Alleluia.**

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with these words
Christ is risen.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

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

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 It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks
and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty
and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For he is your living Word; through him you have
created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President Through him you have freed us from the slavery
of sin, giving him to be born
of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead and exalted him
to your right hand on high.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President Through him you have sent upon us your holy
and life-giving Spirit, and made us
a people for your own possession.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President And now we give you thanks
because in his
victory over the grave a new age
has dawned, the long reign of sin
is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and humanity is once again made
whole.

Therefore with angels and
archangels,
and with all the company of
heaven,

we proclaim your great and
glorious name,
for ever 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 Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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 **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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 **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord. 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 Accept through him, our great high priest, this
our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we
eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty, renew
us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love, and
unite us in the body
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President Through him, and with him, and in
him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in
earth and heaven, we worship
you, Father almighty, in songs of
everlasting praise:

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

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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 Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats of this bread will live
for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover
is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.**

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept. The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.
All respond **Amen.***

Notices

Final Prayer

JIM

We say together ...

All

**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.**

Blessing and Sending Out

President

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

President

God, who through the
Resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your
faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit,
be among you and remain with
you always.

All

Amen.

President Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia,
alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia,
alleluia.**

HYMN

Our worship is over: our service begins