

CHARLTON BENEFICE LIVESTREAMED EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY 21 JULY  
8th Sunday after Trinity  
Justice - Women and Girls  
THE GATHERING

**OWEN 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*

**PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

Today is a Justice Sunday  
Today we'll hear the voices of those on the margins  
Those who've been excluded  
Those who've been judged  
Those who've been terrorised  
Those who've been silenced

God created human beings in his own image.  
In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.  
Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

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

**Prayer of Preparation**

**OWEN** **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.**

**OWEN** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus  
Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in  
heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

*OWEN – let's confess our sins together*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light.**

**Amen.**

### **Absolution**

*BENNETT* 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. **Amen.**

### **The Gloria**

#### **The Collect**

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

**God, the power of the powerless,  
You have chosen as your witnesses  
Those whose voice is not heard  
Grant that, as women first announced the resurrection  
Though they were not believed,  
We too may have courage  
To persist in proclaiming your word  
In the power of Jesus Christ Amen**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**OWEN - Arek is reading the Old Testament lesson**

**Old Testament Reading – read by Arek**

## A reading from the Song of Solomon

Upon my bed at night I sought him whom my soul loves;  
I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he gave no answer.  
'I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares;  
I will seek him whom my soul loves.' I sought him, but found him not.  
The sentinels found me, as they went about in the city.  
'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'  
Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my soul loves.  
I held him, and would not let him go until I brought him into my mother's house,  
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

*at the end of the reading ...*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

New Testament lesson read by Joelle

## A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all;  
therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer  
for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we  
once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if  
anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see,  
everything has become new!

*at the end of the reading ...*

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

## Gradual Hymn

### Gospel Reading – read by Owen

*Reader* Alleluia, alleluia.  
We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.  
**Alleluia.**

## **Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

**Sermon slot – Owen interviews female members of the congregation about women in the Bible.**

*After the sermon there is a period of quiet reflection.*

**BENNETT leads The Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and  
fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

President: Now Jane is leading intercessions. Please make yourselves comfortable for them.

### **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.

*Prayers and thanksgivings are now made.  
After each prayer is said:*

*After each prayer ...*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace**

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

### **Preparation of the Table**

*President* 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.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you  
in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son,  
born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death  
by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *singing*:

**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, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

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**

And so, Father,  
calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring  
before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us  
worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your  
kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the  
company of St Thomas, St Luke and St Richard, and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever, through 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.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

#### **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 prayer is said.*

### **Notices AND children's church feedback**

### **FINAL RESPONSES**

OWEN - Creator God, thank you that we are all made in your image and equally loved by you.

**Open our eyes to behold your face in those of our sisters and brothers.**

As we draw near to Christ in whom we are united through faith,  
**Make us ready to value each other as beloved children of God.**

We pray for all to follow Christ's example of treating women and girls with equality and respect.

**We pray for the dawn of a better world where justice and peace may flourish. Amen**

### *BLESSING AND SENDING OUT*

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

May you never feel alone in the struggle for justice

May you know the support of family, friends and people who feel passionately as you do

May you feel a part of the great cloud of witnesses who, through the ages, did God's work and prayed for the coming of the kingdom

May you never feel alone and, if you do, may you carry in your heart the words of Jesus, who told his friends, 'I am with you always' and the blessing....

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Final Hymn