

CHARLTON BENEFICE
LIVE-STREAMED EUCHARIST
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

THE GATHERING

Miriam welcomes people to worship.

First 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

Miriam 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

Miriam 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.

Miriam 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

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 Miriam

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he
has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you
shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in
your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he
will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of
festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and
gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all
the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I
will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I
restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

at the end of the reading ...

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading – read by JIM

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 Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you

with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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 Owen

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.

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.
Jesus is the Lamb of God
(or) 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.

Owen leads the communion hymn – Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

V2.

Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Chorus

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Prayer after Communion

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

Notices

MIRIAM – God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and in service to our local community as we reach out in love to the people of this neighbourhood on existing streets and homes being built.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord 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