

CHARLTON BENEFICE
LIVESTREAM SERVICE
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 2024
THE GATHERING

Michael welcomes us to worship

Introit Hymn

The president greets the people.

All Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

Minister of the Word Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of
our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.
Silence is kept.

All God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth: forgive
our failure to receive him. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Minister of the Word Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Minister of the Word Spirit of love, your servant Mary
responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

President May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to
himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word
made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer:

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the **first** Book of Samuel – read by MICHAEL

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

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

New Testament Reading – read by Amabel

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

at the end of the reading ...

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Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading – read by JULIANA

Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh
and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.
Alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.
And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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

Sermon – Revd Liz

The Creed

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.

Liz - now Alison? will offer prayers on our behalf

Prayers of Intercession – led by Alison

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be
called the Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9.6*)

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 Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation
you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

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 Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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 How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people
as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love
remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a
love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross. On the night
before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave
you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of
me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new
light has dawned upon the world; you have become one with us that we might
become one with you in your glorious kingdom.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross, we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Luke and Richard, Thomas and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in the presence of God
here among us,
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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
All **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

President Christ is the true bread which has
come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

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

NOTICES

Silence is kept.

President God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child
of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

*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.
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

The Blessing and Sending Out

Recessional Hymn