**CHARLTON BENEFICE**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6th**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**LIVESTREAMED EUCHARIST**

Ali welcomes people to worship

**Hymn – Soldiers of Christ, arise**

President:In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

President The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you.**

Liz welcomes and introduces the theme

**Prayer of Preparation**

All: 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**

My sisters and brothers, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

All: **Most merciful God,**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**we confess that we have sinned**

**in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**help us to amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be;**

**that we may do justly, love mercy,**

**and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

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.**

**The Gloria**

**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**

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

Almighty God,

you search us and know us:

may we rely on you in strength

and rest on you in weakness,

now and in all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Old Testament Reading** – Read by Juliana (Ezekiel 33 v 7 – 11))

**A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel**

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked ones, you shall surely die’, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading** – Read by Kayin (Roman 13 v 8 – end)

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn to greet the Gospel - Bring to the Lord a Glad New Song**

**Gospel Reading** – Read by Naomi (Matthew 18 v 15–20)

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 Matthew

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** – by Liz

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

**The Affirmation of Faith**

**All: 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 Rosie

*Prayers are offered for*

* *the Church of Christ*
* *Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority*
* *the local community*
* *those who suffer*
* *the communion of saints*

After each prayer …

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer.**

After the final prayer …

Intercessor: God of mercy,

**All: hear our prayer**

**and make us one in heart and mind**

**to serve you with joy forever.**

**Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**The Peace**

President: ‘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.

**All: And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn** – **Ye holy Angels Bright**

**Preparation of the Table**

**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: 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:

**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: 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:

**All: Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again**

President: 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.

**All: Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

President: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come; thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory, for ever and 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: 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.**

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, ‘I am the Bread of Life’

**Invitation to Communion**

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 Music - God be in My Head: *Sidney Nicholson***

**Prayer after Communion**

God our creator,

you feed your children with the true manna,

the living bread from heaven:

let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage

until we come to that place

where hunger and thirst are no more;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**NOTICES**

**Final Prayer**

**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.**

**The Blessing and Sending Out**

President: The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you.**

President: May the Father from whom every family

in earth and heaven receives its name

strengthen you with his Spirit

in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell

in your hearts by faith;

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.

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

**Final Hymn** – **Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour**

*Our worship is over: our service begins.*

*Please stay on Zoom for a chat and*

*fellowship time after the service,*

*or to join the Bible Study.*