

Charlton Benefice  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity  
Livestreamed Eucharist

**We are welcomed to worship by Isla**

**Hymn:** Be thou my vision

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

**All:** Amen.

**President:** The Lord be with you

**All:** and also with you.

**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*

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Old Testament Reading read by Cyril**

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Then God spoke all these words:

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **New Testament Lesson read by Blanca**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

... even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn to greet the Gospel: In Christ alone**

**Gospel Reading read by Sonia**

Reader: Alleluia, alleluia, we do not live by bread alone,  
But by every word that comes from the mouth of God

**All: Alleluia**

Reader: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had

come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon: by Joe**

*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 Sheila**

*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:** How deep the Father's love for us

### **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.

President: 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:** A Gaelic Blessing by John Rutter

### **Prayer after Communion**

President: Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: 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.**

**President: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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

**Final Hymn: All for Jesus**

*Our worship is over: our service begins.*