



ST. LAURENCE CHURCH  
 ALL AGE FAMILY COMMUNION  
 ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS  
 1ST. NOVEMBER 2020



*Please sit*

**GREETING AND WELCOME**

**Welcome:** Today is the weekend of All Saints and All Souls , when we remember all the people who have lived their lives really well and who have died and gone to heaven. Let's also think about how we can follow their example and live our lives as God wants us to.

**Hymn:**

*O when the saints go marching in,  
 O when the saints go marching in;*

*O Lord, I want to be among the number When the saints go marching in!*

*O when they crown Him Lord of all,  
 O when they crown Him Lord of all;  
 O Lord, I want to be among the number When they crown Him Lord of all.*

*O when all knees bow at His name,  
 O when all knees bow at His name,  
 O Lord, I want to be among the number When all knees bow at His name.*

*O when they sing the Saviour's praise,  
 O when they sing the Saviour's praise,  
 O Lord, I want to be among the number When they sing the Saviour's praise.*

*O when the saints go marching in,  
 O when the saints go marching in;  
 O Lord, I want to be among the number When the saints go marching in!*

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*A candle is lit to remember all our loved ones who have died and also*

*those who have died during the Covid19 pandemic.*

*Although currently the names of those who have lost their lives to COVID-19 are known only to their close family and friends, we hope that the prayer below will give a place of shared memory and comfort to all who feel their loss most keenly:*

*Let us Pray:*

*Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being. We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost during the Covid 19 pandemic and vulnerable lives threatened. We ache for ourselves and our neighbours, standing before an uncertain future. We pray: may love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful*

*presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Confession: As we prepare to give thanks to God for the example of all the holy men and women who have lived and died throughout the world, let us say sorry to God for our sins:

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

May the Father forgive us by the death of Jesus his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. Amen.

Collect

Pour down upon us from heaven the rich blessings of Your forgiveness. Grant to us Lord Jesus our Saviour, the fear of God, the love of God, and the will of God, to do on earth at all times as the angels and the saints do in heaven. Amen

READING: MATTHEW 5:1-2

NOW WHEN JESUS SAW THE CROWDS, HE WENT UP ON A MOUNTAINSIDE AND SAT DOWN. HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM, AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM.

HE SAID:

"BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,  
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,  
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,  
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE

EARTH.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER  
AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,  
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART,  
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,  
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

"BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT YOU, PERSECUTE YOU AND FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL

AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME. 12 REJOICE AND BE GLAD, BECAUSE GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN, FOR IN THE SAME WAY THEY PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU.

THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

REFLECTION

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Father, we adore You,  
lay our lives before You,  
how we love You.

Jesus we adore You,  
lay our lives before You,  
how we love You.

Spirit, we adore You,  
lay our lives before You,  
how we love You.

PRAYERS

Let us pray in communion with all the saints on earth and heaven, with the martyrs and the faithful in all ages, and in the name of the Lamb who was slain, who alone is worthy of worship. We bring before you all our needs, trusting that you will hear them, as we

pray. Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer

God of Saints, make your church a holy church, a praying church, a giving church, a serving church. May the saints in heaven be an example for all Christians that they may serve God in the way he wishes. Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer

God of Peace, we pray that those in authority may follow the example of the saints who worked for peace and love. Guide the leaders of all nations that justice may prevail throughout the world. Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away. Make us instruments of your peace and let your glory be over all the earth. Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

God of Compassion, bring healing and hope to those who grieve, suffer pain or have been affected in any way by the effects of Covid 19. We remember those who have died and we pray for those who mourn for them. May we all be aware of your compassion, Lord,

which calms our troubled hearts and shelters our anxious souls. Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer

God of Justice, keep us from being preoccupied with money and worldly goods, and with trying to increase them at the expense of justice. Help us not to be ruthless with one another, and to eliminate the discord and violence that exists around us. Let us not be impatient under our own burdens and unconcerned about the burdens of others. Make us thirst for you and actively spread your influence in our private lives and in society. Grant that we may be quick to forgive and slow to condemn. Aid us to make peace in our families, in our country, and in the world. Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

God of Communities, we pray for our own community here in Hawkhurst for our church and its congregation. We especially pray for those members of our congregation who are about to embark on a new journey with you and offer

our support as they commit themselves to you in confirmation. Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We pray for our church wardens the members of the Parochial Church Council. We thank you for all those in our community who work with our young people, in crèche, Sunday school, youth groups and uniformed organisations. We give thanks for all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Enable us to do your will. Make us vulnerable that we may speak with calm humility. Make us outward looking that we may care deeply and make us a community of peacemakers and bridge builders. Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

God of Fellowship, we pray for our families and friends, that you will be to them all that they most deeply need. We thank you for the fellowship of your people here. May we as a family of your people be rooted and established in your love and come to know the extent of your grace as you dwell in us. Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer

God of Healing, we bring to you those whose lives are darkened by pain, fear or weariness. Come to our aid; help us to bear what must be carried, and take from us all resentment and bitterness, replacing it with the abundance of peace. We remember the elderly, the housebound, and the lonely. And we pray for all those who selflessly minister to the needs of others. From our own congregation we pray for those known to us..And in a moment of silence we lift those who are known personally to us... Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer.

God of Eternity, we thank you for all the saints - those recognised by the Church and those known only to a few, and to you. We praise you for their example and rejoice that they live in your heaven with every tear wiped away. In your mercy may all who have died in your friendship especially during this Covid 19 pandemic know your lasting peace? We pray for all on our Chantry List and for those whom are saddened by their death. Lord

as we go out from church today,  
may the light of God shine on us  
may the love of God shine in us,  
may the light of the Spirit shine  
through us

Merciful Father. Accept these  
prayers for the same of your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

*We stand to say together*

Shalom, Shalom,  
May peace be with you,  
Throughout your days;  
In all that you do,  
May peace be with you,  
Shalom, Shalom.

Please sit

Hymn:

I danced in the morning when the  
world was begun, And I danced in  
the moon and the stars and the  
sun, And I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth:  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said  
he,

And I'll lead you all, wherever you  
may be, And I'll lead you all in the  
dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the  
Pharisee, But they would not dance  
and they wouldn't follow me; I  
danced for the fishermen, for  
James and John; They came with  
me and the dance went on:

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said  
he,

And I'll lead you all, wherever you  
may be, And I'll lead you all in the  
dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath and I  
cured the lame: The holy people  
said it was a shame. They whipped  
and they stripped and they hung me  
on high, And they left me there on  
a cross to die:

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said  
he, And I'll lead you all, wherever  
you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance,  
said he.

I danced on a Friday when the sky  
turned black; It's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back. They

buried my body and they thought I'd gone; But I am the dance, and I still go on:

Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;

I am the life that'll never, never die.

I'll live in you if you'll live in me: I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the dance, said he,

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

The bread we offer which symbolises our work, becomes for us the Body of Christ. Amen

The wine we offer which symbolises our leisure, becomes for us the Blood of Christ. Amen.

We offer to God all that we are so we sing:

All that I am, all that I do, all that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.

Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord.

Knowing that I love and serve you is enough reward.

All that I am, all that I do, all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 him thanks and praise

Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?

We give thanks for all that God has done for us.

God the Father created the heavens, the earth and everything in them; and created us in his own image.

Let us give thanks and praise

Christ our Lord became human like us, and died to save us.

**Let us give thanks and praise**

God sent the Holy Spirit to gather us together as the people of God

**Let us give thanks and praise**

So come let us join together to worship this God who loves

*We say:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in  
the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the  
highest.**

*Please sit/kneel*

We praise you Father that before Jesus our Saviour suffered and died, he gave us this holy meal to share and told us to continue it until he comes again.

**Why do we eat bread together at  
this table?**

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples

saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Why do we drink from the cup together at this table?**

In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup, saying. "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me"

**What do we remember at this table?**

We remember the Father's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*We say:*

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made one with Christ and with one another.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### A Prayer for those joining us on Zoom who are making their Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, may we, who cannot  
now physically receive your  
sacrament, receive you more fully  
in our heart, mind and soul. Help  
us unite ourselves to you in spirit,  
so that we may be drawn closer to  
those from whom we are isolated in  
body. Through sharing your life  
given up in death for us all, may we  
grow together in love into a richer  
and more profound communion of  
life. Amen.

We Share In Holy Communion and  
the Bread of Friendship.

*EVERYONE is invited to come for a  
blessing and to share in the Bread  
of Friendship. If you are a communi-  
cant member of another church you  
are welcome to share with us in the  
Blessed Sacrament of the Body and  
Blood of Jesus Christ, (please indi-  
cate if you require a gluten free wa-  
fer.)*

*The Vicar delivers the consecrated  
bread saying: The Body of Christ.  
The communicant may reply Amen  
and then receive. We reply as an  
act of faith.*

*For a Personal Blessing and/or a  
Special Prayer only, please also go to  
the Vicar at the High Altar Rail.*

## FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

God of wisdom, help us as we try  
to follow the right path, as we do  
all that we can to share your peace  
and love with others, and as we try  
to make the world a fairer place  
for all to live. Amen.

## BLESSING

**MAY GOD GIVE TO YOU AND TO ALL  
THOSE WHOM YOU LOVE HIS COMFORT  
AND HIS PEACE, HIS LIGHT AND HIS  
JOY,  
IN THIS WORLD AND THE NEXT;**

AND THE BLESSING ...

*Notices*

Hymn:

For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the

distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west soon, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord  
Thanks be to God

May the divine assistance remain  
with us always.

**And with all our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**

**Amen.**