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St. Laurence Parish Church Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist Service and APCM. The Service and APCM are also relayed through Zoom

11th. October 2020 - The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Please ensure that you are all wearing your face masks. Thank you.

As we gather and prepare to join in worship together, music is played on the organ.

Welcome

In the Name of God: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit . **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Collect for Purity

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid 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

Penitence

In silence let us call to mind our sins against God, others and ourselves.. We confess together:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you through our own fault in thought, word, and deed and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

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 of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before,

we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prayer before receiving the Word of God — Before we read, we pray together

**Eternal God, in the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard;
In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and
In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.
Amen.**

First Reading - Phillipians 4:1-9 read by Richard O'Neill

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is

right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm from Psalm 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

Alleluia Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people

in parables, saying,

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.

He dispatched his servants

to summon the invited guests to the feast,

but they refused to come.

A second time he sent other servants, saying,

'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet,

my calves and fattened cattle are killed,

and everything is ready; come to the feast.'"

Some ignored the invitation and went away,

one to his farm, another to his business.

The rest laid hold of his servants,

mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged and sent his troops,

destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready,

but those who were invited were not worthy to come.

Go out, therefore, into the main roads

and invite to the feast whomever you find.'
The servants went out into the streets
and gathered all they found, bad and good alike,
and the hall was filled with guests.
But when the king came in to meet the guests,
he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment.
The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it
that you came in here without a wedding garment?'
But he was reduced to silence.
Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet,
and cast him into the darkness outside,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'
Many are invited, but few are chosen."

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

The Reflection

The Creed - said together

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.

The Prayers of the Church - led by Stephen Ringer

The Church of Christ

Lord, help your Church build bridges from the Kingdom of God into the world of human life, with its sin and celebration, its weakness and strength. Teach us to look outwards, away from those things that divide us, so that whether or not we are of like mind, we may love each other while living in common service to Christ.

Lord we believe, but help our unbelief: in your mercy, hear our prayer

Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority

Lord, in these times of economic difficulty, and worry about the very structure of our world, teach us to have faith that with your help all will not be lost. Teach us also to remember that all our lives depend upon the work of many minds and many hands. We pray that we may live thankfully and in unity as members of one human family. Give us wisdom and generosity of spirit to use the skills of science and the resources of technology for the needs of the poor and forgotten, and for the enriching and healing of us all.

Lord we believe, but help our unbelief: in your mercy, hear our prayer

The local community

Lord, in our dealings with each other, teach us to listen, and teach us to forgive. Teach us to understand, and teach us to love. Above all, give us the courage to start again.

Lord, guide us to be more sensitive to the needs of our neighbours. We pray that the old may have faith that they are wanted. We pray that the young may have faith that someone will listen to them. And we pray for all people that they may have faith that they are of value, of course to you, but also to those that live around them.

Lord we believe, but help our unbelief: in your mercy, hear our prayer

Those who suffer

Lord of love, give strength to all from broken homes. We pray for any where there is little love or understanding, for all families that are needing help and attention. We pray for all who are separated from those whom they love through sickness, for all who are lonely and live alone.

Lord we believe, but help our unbelief: in your mercy, hear our prayer

The communion of saints

Lord, give our spirits power to climb to the fountain of all light, and be purified. Break through the mists of earth, the weight of clay and shine forth, you who are calm weather, and quiet resting place for faithful souls. We remember those who died

recently and those whose years' mind occurs at this time..
Lord, You carry us and you go before; You are the journey and
the journey's end.

Lord we believe, but help our unbelief: in your mercy, hear our
prayer

We keep a time of silence as we offer our own particular peti-
tions

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ, Amen.**

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Whilst the altar is being prepared, music is played on the organ.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

**Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your good-
ness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and
human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of
life.**

Blessed be God for ever.

**Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your good-
ness we have this wine to offer , fruit of the vine and work of
human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.**

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

The Vicar leads us in the proper preface for today, after which the congregation joins in saying together:

**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.**

The Vicar continues with the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer ending with the words:

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

As Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God 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.

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.

During the giving of communion organ music will be played

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious
God's mercy endures for ever.

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen.

The service is suspended for the APCM.

Father almighty we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

The Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself; the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service; the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The organ is played as we end our time of worship together.

THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME:

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