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**St. Laurence Parish Church Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist Service. The Service is also relayed through Zoom 25.10.22020 - The Twentieth (Last) Sunday after Trinity**

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

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

**Welcome**

**Music throughout the service (Although we may not join in to sing, the words of some verses of hymns are printed here to help you reflect on them as you listen)**

**Love divine, all loves excelling  
Joy of Heaven to Earth come down  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling  
All Thy faithful mercies crown**

**Jesus, Thou art all compassion  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art**

**Visit us with Thy salvation  
Come almighty to deliver  
Let us all Thy life receive  
Suddenly return and never  
Never more Thy temples leave**

**Thee we would be always blessing  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing  
Glory in Thy perfect love  
Enter every trembling heart**

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 per-  
fectly 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 our-  
selves.. 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**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 read by Peter Wyllie**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm 18**

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,

O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge,

my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!

**Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,  
and I am safe from my enemies.  
R. I love you, Lord, my strength.  
The LORD lives and blessed be my rock!  
Extolled be God my saviour.  
You who gave great victories to your king  
and showed kindness to your anointed.  
R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

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.**

**Matthew 22:34-40**

**When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."**

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 Jackie Collins**

**Father we pray for the church in our parish and in our land, and across our world. We pray for Bishop Justin and Bishop Rose. Give us faith that you have plans for church, that your kingdom is to come through it, and that you will make it spotless and without blemish. And may we set our own sights on that hope. May your will be done in the church as it is in heaven.**

**Lord in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

**Lord we come before you fearful for our economy. We have known little but growth and prosperity, and now we face financial insecurity and an uncertain future. Grant that those in power may ensure that we are protected from corruption and folly. May you be our hope, our security, our confidence and our future. May money be a tool we use to do good rather than an end in itself.**

**Lord in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

**We pray for churches across the UK that are struggling due to reduced income. We give thanks for the generosity of so many parishioners, supporting their church through these difficult times.**

**Lord in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

**As UK unemployment rates surge to its highest level in over three years we pray that companies will try to protect as many jobs as possible and the Government will help those who lose their job back into employment.**

**Lord in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

**We pray for local leaders that are tasked with managing Coronavirus restrictions within their local community. We pray that leaders show compassion and responsibility and community members uphold virtues of patience and understanding.**

**Lord in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

**We pray for exhausted NHS workers. Grant them restful sleep and ease their weary bodies. We pray for those suffering with long term chronic pain. May the Holy Spirit infuse their bodies, aid their rest and bring them inner peace and tranquillity.**

**Lord in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

**We pray for those recently departed; and for those whose years' mind occur at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**Lord in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

**Lord God, Heavenly King, let us hear your voice through our daily struggles. Let us focus our thoughts and attention on you forever more. Amen.**

**We keep a time of silence as we offer our own particular petitions**

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 for the following hymn is played on the organ.*

Love is his word, love is his way,  
feasting with all, fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is his way:

Chorus:

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,  
sharing his last Passover feast,  
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,  
love, only love, is his mark:

Chorus

Love is his sign, love is his news,  
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget  
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood' -  
love, only love, is his news:

Chorus

Love is his news, love is his name,  
we are his own, chosen and called,  
family, brethren, cousins and kin,  
love, only love, is his name:

Chorus

Love is his name, love is his law,  
hear his command, all who are his  
'Love one another, I have loved you'  
love, only love, is his law.

Chorus

Love is his law, love is his word:  
love of the Lord, Father and Word,

love of the Spirit, God ever one,  
love, only love, is his word:  
Chorus

### **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness 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 goodness 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 Anthem***

### **Post - Communion Prayers**

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

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

Music for the following hymn is played on the organ as we prepare to go out into the world to serve the Lord.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne,  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guide while troubles last,  
And our eternal home!

### **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.***

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**THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Michele Berge  
THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME:  
Mary Howarth, Raymond Denney, John Velvick, Tim  
Morton, Janina Misayat, Philip Sheldon, Constance Rymill,  
Arthur Horner, Janet Attwood, Alan Collins, Dorothy Heady**

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**Details for the Zoom Service if you wish to follow on Zoom  
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There will be a Confirmation Service here on the 26th of January 2021 at 7pm. We have four candidates already. If you would like to be confirmed in the faith of the Church by Bishop Rose during this service, please speak to Fr. Rodney. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Rose on her first visit to our parish.

We have received expressions of thanks from Andrew Davis and Alison Mitham through emails, for the gifts they received from our church to thank them for their service to us over the years.

## **AT YOUR SERVICE**

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