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**St. Laurence Parish
Church Hawkhurst, Parish
Eucharist Service. The Ser-**

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through Zoom**

**17.1.2021- The Second
Sunday of Epiphany - The
Call of the Disciples**

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**The responder at this
service on behalf of all is
Stephen Ringer**

Welcome

**Come, let us join our cheer-
ful songs
with angels round the
throne;
ten thousand thousand are
their tongues,
but all their joys are one.**

**'Worthy the Lamb that
died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips
reply,
'for he was slain for us.'**

**Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than
we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.**

**The whole creation joins in
one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the
throne,
and to adore the Lamb.**

**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. Amen.

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.

The Collect of the Day Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 Samuel 3:1-10 ready by Hania Crowther

1 The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

2 One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." 5 And he ran to Eli and

said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

6 Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

8 A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realised that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

This is the word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD,

and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

And he put a new song into my mouth,

a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,

but ears open to obedience you gave me.

Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;

then said I, “Behold I come.”

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

“In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight,

and your law is within my heart!”

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;

I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel John 1:43-51 read by Piers Crowther

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him,

“We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

48 “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

49 Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

50 Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You

will see greater things than that.” 51 He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

**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 Robin Crowther

Eternal God, you are the maker of us all, and we are your creation, people formed in your image, as individuals, as community - formed and fed and furnished with understanding of who you are and of who and whose we are. Lord in your mercy.. [Hear our prayer](#)

We are worshipping you today in recognition of your calling, of your communicating, of your caring to invite us to share in your creative and healing work. We are here because we have heard you speak in us and through others. Help us, dear Lord, to ever respond to you and your invitation to your grace...Lord in your mercy.. [Hear our prayer](#)

God of all our moments, of our days and our nights, you speak and you act in the world around us, not only to call all people to you, but also to direct and guide us in the way of healing and wholeness. Awaken us Lord, to

hear what you would say to us. Help us to open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to your presence . Help us to know when it is your voice we are hearing and it when it is our prejudices and desires to which we are paying heed....Lord in your mercy.. [Hear our prayer](#)

Lord, we pray that your church may rise up with renewed commitment in answer to your call, that your people may continue to be instruments of your grace and love....Lord in your mercy.. [Hear our prayer](#)

We pray for those who consider themselves inadequate and dismiss or avoid your calling in their lives. Give them a new vision, a vision in which you are their strength and their hope.....Lord in your mercy.. [Hear our prayer](#)

We pray for those who, in answering your call, must leave the known for the unknown, the oasis for the desert, the comfortable for the uncertain. Grant them courage and

steadfast faith...Lord in your mercy.. [Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray for all those working in education settings as they quickly adapt to new ways of teaching. May they maintain the virtues of perseverance and courage to inspire all children, especially those that are disadvantaged. Lord in your mercy... [Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray that the vaccine roll-out will run smoothly and effectively. We give thanks to those that are working tirelessly to administer the injection and pray for its success.... Lord in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

We pray too, today, O Lord, for those in want and need - for those of us and of the larger community who suffer in body or in soul. We remember before you..... Lord in your mercy.. [Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray or those living in pain and sorrow. As routine hospital appointments and operations are cancelled may

the Holy Spirit provide courage and comfort to those worn down by daily discomfort. Lord in your mercy ...
[Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray for those working in retail. As lockdown continues to keep people at home, we pray for businesses owners, and their employees, that are worried about their financial future. Lord in your mercy ...
[Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray for the people of America as they face unrest and chaos from supporters of opposing political viewpoints. May 2021, and the new president, bring unity, peace, and respect to all communities. Lord, in you mercy.....
[Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray for a strong, personal faith life throughout 2021. Let us draw on our own personal experiences to grow and develop becoming advocate Christian disciples. Lord, in you mercy.....
[Hear our prayer](#)

We pray for those have died and who have been called to your nearer presence:
THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Jean French, Rupert Hodges, Ronnie Baker, Leila Wood

THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS AT THIS TIME: Jack Travers, Evelyn Waghorn, Eleftheria Corfield, William Butler, Hilary Wood, Cecille Mallinson, Lily Collins, Malcolm Dreyer, Richard Dyke, Jane Barker, Olaf Phillips, Richard Phillips, Doris Bird, Gilbert French, Rosaline Beeny, William Fawcett, Stephen Barker, Isoline Vaughan, Hylda Reynolds, Kathleen Wood, Sheila Maugham, Sylvia Smith, Prudence Bilsby...

Loving Father - bless us all with an abundant faith, a fruitful ministry, a joyful life. Bless us and all those who gather together to continue the work of Jesus, who came to heal, save, and deliver us all, and who taught us to pray as one family,

We keep a time of silence as we offer our own partic- ular 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

Hymn

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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.

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 as we make our 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.**

Music is played as we meditate and reflect.....

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in

your hearts and fill your
lives with his joy and
peace. and the blessing ...

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

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

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah
Holy One

Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain

Thank you, oh my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
'Til the work on Earth is
done

When I stand in Glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King
forever
In that Holy Place

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Notices

Hawkhurst Food 4 Families

There is still a great demand for donations of food. Please leave your gifts on the Vicarage doorstep. We are delighted to accept donations of the non-perishable items below:-

A – Items NEVER supplied from support group funds

- Coffee
- Hot Chocolate powder
- Ketchup / Sauce
- Tinned ham/meat
- Tinned Pies
- Tinned meat :- Curry, Stewed Steak, Chicken in white sauce
- Cake
- Pasta / Curry sauce jars
- Shower gel / Shampoo

- Chocolate / Sweets
- Sugar

B – Items OCCASIONALLY purchased with funds

- Biscuits
- Washing Powder
- Cereal Bars (No Nuts)
- Tinned Fruit
- Crisps
- Corned Beef
- Tuna / Tinned Fish
- Instant Noodles
- Chocolate Spread
- Peanut Butter
- Tinned :- Ravioli, Meatballs, Macaroni Cheese, Hot dog sausages

C – Items we AIM ALWAYS to have available either purchased or donated.

- Breakfast Cereal
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Baked Beans
- Soup
- Rice Pudding
- Custard

- Jelly
- Tea
- Pasta
- Rice
- Paste / Spread
- Jam / Marmalade
- Sweetcorn

Our New St Laurence Church Website

We have a super new website! Check it out by typing St Laurence Church, Hawkhurst, into any search engine. You will find everything you need; service log-ins, articles, photos and up-to-date news. Please e-mail Father Rodney with any comments.

Used Postage Stamps

There is a collecting box on the table at the back of the church for used postage stamps. They are being collected for the RNIB.

Opening Times of the Church

During this lockdown the church is open from 11 am to 3 pm for private prayer.

Monetary Donations to St Laurence

If you would like to make a one-off donation to the church funds, you will find a simple donation button after you log onto the website. Click the *Welcome* button and then the *Giving* button.

Watch out for further items and details under *Notices* on the website.

The Confirmation Service

which was to happen at St. laurence later this month, has been deferred because of Covid19 and the current lockdown and will take place later in the year at a more appropriate time.