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**St. Laurence Parish Church  
Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist  
Service. The Service is also  
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4.4.2021- Easter Sunday**

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by

hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries, confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, to you be glory and praise for ever. Your steadfast love extends to the heavens and your faithfulness never ceases. Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom and strengthen our lives with your word, for you are the fountain of life; in your light we see true light.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All Blessed be God for ever.*

*The Easter Candle is marked .*

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power; through every age and for ever.

All Amen.

*Nails or incense studs are inserted into the Easter Candle.*

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

*All Amen.*

*The Vicar lights the Easter Candle, saying*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The Vicar bearing the Candle raises it and says*

The light of Christ.

*All Thanks be to God.*

The Exultet - Easter Proclamation is Sung.

Rejoice heavenly powers!  
Sing choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around  
God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King is  
risen!  
Sound the trumpet of  
salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining  
splendour,  
radiant in the brightness of  
your King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory  
fills you!

Darkness vanishes forever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church!  
Exult in glory!  
The risen Saviour shines  
upon you!  
Let this place resound with  
joy,  
echoing the mighty song of  
all God's people!

It is truly right  
that with full hearts and  
minds and voices  
we should praise the unseen  
God,  
the all powerful Father,  
and his only Son, our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

For Christ has ransomed us  
with his blood,  
and paid for us the price of  
Adam's sin  
to our eternal Father!

This is our Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb,  
is slain,  
whose blood consecrates the  
homes of all believers.

This is the night  
when first you saved our  
fathers:  
you freed the people of Israel  
from their slavery  
and led them dry-shod  
through the sea.

**This is the night  
when the pillar of fire  
destroyed the darkness of  
sin!**

**This is the night  
when Christians everywhere,  
washed clean of sin  
and freed from all defilement,  
are restored to grace  
and grow together in  
holiness.**

**This is the night  
when Jesus Christ broke the  
chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the  
grave.**

**What good would life have  
been to us,  
had Christ not come as our  
Redeemer?**

**Father, how wonderful your  
care for us!  
How boundless your merciful  
love!  
To ransom a slave you gave  
away your Son.**

**O happy fault, O necessary  
sin of Adam,  
which gained for us so great  
a Redeemer!**

**Most blessed of all nights,  
chosen by God to see Christ  
rising from the dead!  
Of this night scripture says:**

**“The night will be clear as  
day:  
it will become my light, my  
joy.”**

**The power of this holy night  
dispels all evil, washes guilt  
away,  
restores lost innocence,  
brings mourners joy;  
it casts out hatred, brings us  
peace,  
and humbles earthly pride.**

**Night truly blessed  
when heaven is wedded to  
earth  
and man is reconciled with  
God!**

**Therefore, heavenly Father,  
in the joy of this night  
receive our evening sacrifice  
of praise,  
your Church’s solemn  
offering.**

**Accept this Easter candle,  
a flame divided but  
undimmed,  
a pillar of fire that glows to  
the honour of God.**

**Let it mingle with the lights of  
heaven  
and continue bravely burning  
to dispel the darkness of this  
night!**

May the Morning Star which  
never sets  
find this flame still burning:  
Christ, that Morning Star,  
who came back from the  
dead,  
and shed his peaceful light  
on all mankind,  
your Son who lives and  
reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today,  
Alleluia,  
our triumphant holy day; alle-  
luia,  
who did once upon the cross;  
alleluia,  
suffer to redeem our loss; al-  
leluia!

Hymns of praise then let us  
sing; Alleluia,  
unto Christ our heavenly king;  
alleluia,  
who endured the cross and  
grave; alleluia,  
sinners to redeem and save:  
alleluia!

But the pains which he en-  
dured; Alleluia,  
our salvation have procured;  
alleluia,  
now above the sky he's King;  
alleluia,

where the angels ever sing: al-  
leluia!

Alleluia, Christ is risen  
He is risen indeed, Alleluia

### Collect for Purity

Almighty God to whom all  
hearts are open all desires  
known and from whom no se-  
crets 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

Lord Jesus, you raise us to  
new life. Lord, have mercy.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you forgive us  
our sins. Christ, have mercy.  
*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you feed us with  
the living bread. Lord, have  
mercy.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Almighty God, who forgives  
all who truly repent, have  
mercy upon you, pardon and

deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Silence is kept.

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the

old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. 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 - Acts 10:34a, 37-43 read by Alison Jones

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit

and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm 118:1-2,  
16-17, 22-23

*R. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.”

*R. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.”

*R. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done, it is wonderful in our eyes.

*R. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Gospel Alleluia

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Gospel Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, “Who will roll the

stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

6 “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

This is the gospel of the Lord  
*Praise to you O Christ*

### The Reflection

### Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Vicar addresses the congregation

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?  
*All I reject them.*

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?  
*All I renounce them.*

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?  
*All I repent of them.*

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?  
*All I turn to Christ.*

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?  
*All I submit to Christ.*

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?  
*All I come to Christ.*

### The Vicar says

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow

Christ give you the strength to continue in the way. *Amen*

*The congregation is sprinkled with holy water*

The Prayers of the Church - led by Liz Hatcher

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father. That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection ...  
we pray to the Father.

*Hear our prayer.*

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...  
we pray to the Father.  
*Hear our prayer.*

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love ...  
we pray to the Father.  
*Hear our prayer.*

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter  
we pray to the Father.  
*Hear our prayer.*

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world ...  
we pray to the Father.  
*Hear our prayer.*

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them ...  
we pray to the Father.  
*Hear our prayer.*

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day ...  
We pray for all those who have died: Those recently departed: Phil Jones

Those whose Years' Mind occur this month:  
Thomas William Barker, Olive Fitzpatrick, Brenda Bladon, Jimmy Dunlop, Edwin Manser, Roger Smith, Richard Hunt, Eileen Sheldon, Lydia Harttrup, Dick Howarth, Elijah Towner, Sheila Radford, Rebecca Barker, Thomas Heady, Elsie Dodson, Anna Towner.

we pray to the Father.  
*Hear our prayer.*

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to the Father.

*Hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

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

**Merciful Father**

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

**The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be with you

*And also with you*

**Hymn**

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us  
over,  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Be present, be present, Lord  
Jesus Christ, our risen high  
priest; make yourself known  
in the breaking of bread.  
*All Amen.***

### **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**

**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 every-  
thing in them; and created us  
in his own image.  
Let us give thanks and praise**

**Christ our Lord became hu-  
man like us, and died to save  
us.  
Let us give thanks and praise**

**God sent the Holy Spirit to  
gather us together as the peo-  
ple 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***

**We praise you Father that be-  
fore Jesus our Saviour suf-  
fered 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 giv-  
ing thanks, he broke it, and  
gave it to his disciples saying,  
“Take, eat. This is my body,  
given for you. Do this in re-  
membrance 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 cove-  
nant sealed with my blood,  
poured out for you for the for-  
giveness 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.**

**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 join with those watching and worshipping with us on Zoom**

***My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above `all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.***

**Post - Communion Prayers**

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

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. *Amen*

### The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his

sight; and the blessing ...

### Dismissal

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

### Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.  
Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan

to thy home above.  
Thine be the glory...

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**THOSE RECENTLY DE-  
PARTED:** Phil Jones,

**THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S  
MIND OCCURS AT THIS  
TIME:** Thomas William  
Barker, Olive Fitzpatrick,  
Breda Bladon, Jimmy Dunlop,  
Edwin Manser, Roger Smith,  
Richard Hunt, Eileen Shel-  
don, Lydia Hartrup, Dick  
Howarth, Elijah Towner,  
Sheila Radford, Rebecca  
Barker, Thomas Heady, Elsie  
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