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**St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist
Service. The Service is also
relayed through Zoom**

**11.4.2021- The Second Sunday
of Easter**

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**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.*

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)

Hymn

1 Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.

2 Vain the stone, the watch, the
seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

3 Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

4 Soar we now where Christ has
led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the
skies.

5 Hail the Lord of earth and
heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

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 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

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.

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Prince Philip

God of Love, we give you thanks for Prince Philip: grateful for a long life of service to Queen and country, for the love he shared with his family, and for the influence he used for causes around the world. We pray that he may rest in peace and that your Spirit may uphold all who mourn; and that each of us may serve, love and influence for the good of all and in service of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **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 4:32-35 **read by Sandra Dreyer**

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favour was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Let the house of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say,
“His mercy endures forever.”
Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His mercy endures forever.”

R. Alleluia.

I was hard pressed and was falling,

but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,

and he has been my saviour.

The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just:

R. Alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;

let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Alleluia.

Gospel

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;

Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week,

when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst

and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,

and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them,

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands

and put my finger into the nailmarks

and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside

and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked,

and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,

and bring your hand and put it into my side,

and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe

that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,

and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

The Reflection

The Prayers of the Church - led by Stephen Ringer

Almighty God, through your only begotten son Jesus Christ - who overcame death, You have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Today, as we

celebrate the Lord's resurrection, we are all alleviated from death by your life-giving Spirit.

We pray for your Church as we to continue to be, "astonished and amazed by the love of Jesus which always brings forgiveness and the possibility of new beginnings.

Lord, hear us

Lord graciously hear us

Let us be moved by God's boundless love this Easter and let us let go of our regrets or disappointments that might be trapping us from experiencing it". We pray that all governments will come together

Lord, hear us

Lord graciously hear us

We pray for the Church. Today, may all Christians rejoice in the resurrection of Christ and may their faith be strengthened and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us

Lord graciously hear us

We pray for our parish community. Let us be moved by God's love to help and support each other, especially those that we know are suffering or struggling.

Lord, hear us

Lord graciously hear us

We pray for true and enduring peace in our families, friendships, wider community, and world. May the glory of the Risen Christ bring the gifts of peace and reconciliation to all situations of aggression, hatred, and separation.

Lord, hear us

Lord graciously hear us

After a turbulent 12 months of the pandemic, which has brought such chaos to our lives: isolation, loneliness, job losses, furlough, illness, and bereavement, may the wonder of Christ's resurrection bathe us all in glorious Easter light, so that we can bring the light of Christ into the world.

Lord, hear us

Lord graciously hear us

We pray for all those that feel the weight of grief and loss. Today, as we witness the meaning of everlasting life, may those that are grieving, just as Mary did, know that their loved ones are now resting with our Lord, her Son, in heavenly peace.

Lord, hear us

Lord graciously hear us

Lord, the resurrection of your son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of Your righteous path.

Lord, hear us

Lord graciously hear us

We pray for all those who have died: Those recently departed:
Phil Jones, His Royal Highness,
The Prince Philip

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.

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.

Lord, hear us

Lord graciously hear us

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

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning
eye
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

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.

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 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 Eucharistic Prayer until the words of acclamation:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

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

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.

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.

The Distribution of Communion

Please remain in your place. Communion will be brought to you.

Please hold out your open hands and the sacrament will be gently dropped into them by the Vicar in silence. This is the only way you are allowed to receive communion at present.

At this time of infectious disease, Communion is distributed IN ONE KIND ONLY. The Church of England, together with the whole Catholic Church, teaches that, in receiving in one kind, the entirety of the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood is received.

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

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun:
Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst;
But Christ their legions has dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst:
Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head:
Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise His triumphs tell:
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded You,
In us You've won the vict'ry too,

That we may live, and sing to You:
Alleluia!

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED:
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 Sheldon, Lydia Harttrup, Dick Howarth, Elijah Towner, Sheila Radford, Rebecca Barker, Thomas Heady, Elsie Dodson, Anna Towner.

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Statement by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the Death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said today:

"I join with the rest of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth in mourning the loss of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, and give thanks to God for his extraordinary life of dedicated service. Prince Philip continually demonstrated his unfailing support and unstinting

loyalty to Her Majesty The Queen for 73 years.

"He consistently put the interests of others ahead of his own and, in so doing, provided an outstanding example of Christian service. During his naval career, in which he served with distinction in the Second World War, he won the respect of his peers as an outstanding officer.

"On the occasions when I met him, I was always struck by his obvious joy at life, his enquiring mind and his ability to communicate to people from every background and walk of life. He was a master at putting people at their ease and making them feel special.

"The legacy he leaves is enormous. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which he founded in 1956, has inspired generations of young people to help others and instilled in them a vision

for citizenship and a desire to serve their communities. His work with countless charities and organisations reflected his wide-ranging, global interests in topics including wildlife, sport, design, engineering and inter-faith dialogue.

"In his powerful advocacy for conservation his was a prophetic voice for over half a century, as he brought people from around the world to a new concern and commitment to action for the future of our planet.

"As we recover and rebuild after the terrible trial of the coronavirus pandemic, we will need fortitude and a deep sense of commitment to serving others. Throughout his life Prince Philip displayed those qualities in abundance, and I pray that we can take inspiration from his example.

"I also join many people in giving thanks for the marriage of Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip, and for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Theirs was a marriage grounded in friendship and mutual respect and sustained by shared faith in Christ.

"I pray that God will comfort Her Majesty and the rest of the Royal Family at this time. May His Royal Highness rest in peace and rise in glory."

Paying tribute to the Duke of Edinburgh

Dear sisters and brothers,
It is with great sadness that I heard the news today that Prince Philip has passed away. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

His was a life well lived. A consort, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, elder statesman... Although out of the public gaze for some time since stepping back from public duty, one cannot think of Her Majesty without thinking of the lifelong companionship that they

shared - and the support he gave to her and the nation over the years.

A special memory I have of him was when I was received at Buckingham Palace as one of Her Majesty's chaplains - I recall him joking with my girls. I will hold Her Majesty and her extended family in my prayers as they mourn the loss of his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

+ Bishop Rose Hudson- Wilkin
(Bishop of Dover)