## **DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY** changed lives - Changing lives

<u>St. Laurence Parish Church</u> <u>Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist</u> <u>Service. The Service is also</u> <u>relayed through Zoom</u> <u>9. 5. 2021- The Sixth Sunday</u> <u>of Easter</u>

### Details for the Zoom Service if you wish to follow on Zoom

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## Meeting ID: 880 6739 1814 Passcode: 009675

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)

## <u>Hymn</u>

Love divine, all loves excelling,

joy of heav'n, 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; enter ev'ry trembling heart. Breathe, O breathe thy loving

Spirit

into ev'ry troubled breast.

Let us all in thee inherit,

let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive. Suddenly return, and never, nevermore they 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.

Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be.

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.

Changed from glory into glory,

till in heav'n we take our place,

till we cast our crowns before thee,

lost in wonder, love and praise.

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.

#### The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly almighty King, 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 are the Most High, alone Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day Silence is kept.

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal 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.

<u>First Reading - Acts 10:25-26,</u> <u>34-35, 44-48 read by Richard</u> <u>O' Neill</u> When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and falling at his feet paid

and, falling at his feet, paid him homage.

Peter, however, raised him up, saying,

"Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said,

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly

is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things,

the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.

The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit

should have been poured out on the Gentiles also,

for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

Then Peter responded,

"Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people,

who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?"

He ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. Sing to the LORD a new song,

for he has done wondrous deeds;

His right hand has won victory for him,

his holy arm.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. The LORD has made his salvation known:

in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;

break into song; sing praise.

**R**. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

## Gospel Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you And also with you

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to Christ our Lord** 

Gospel John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves,

because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,

because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you

and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,

so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another."

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

The Reflection

<u>The Nicene Creed</u> 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

# <u>The Prayers of the Church -</u> led by Yo Reynolds

Faithful God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us a new commandment, of love for each other and so we ask you to teach us to love you in our neighbours that by serving them we might also serve you. We continue to pray for Justin and Rose, our bishops

(Short Silence)

# Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Mighty God, we pray for your church which day by day gathers to praise you and to hear your holy word. We pray for our Christian sisters and brothers worshipping around the world in small rural churches, great city cathedrals and on the internet. Give us here in our parish a sense of expectation as we come and inspiration as we go. (Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, the world so often seems to be a violent and fearful place. Give us the strength to love our enemies and to pray for those who by violence and acts terrorism distort and demonise your wonderful creation.

(Short Silence)

# Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, may our closeness to family and friends make us never exclusive, shutting others out, but always inclusive, welcoming others. Encourage us in outgoing hospitality and keep us from becoming possessive with those we love.

(Short Silence)

# Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen and for all members of the Royal Family (Short Silence)

# Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God, help us all to be a part of the healing ministry of your church. Encourage us to constantly pray for those we know who are suffering in body, mind or spirit and from the Coronavirus. Deepen our love for our neighbours especially those who are weak, help us to console the sorrowful and give hope to the dying.

(Short Silence)

# Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love and with those whom we love and have gone before us. We pray now for those who have recently died; give to the departed the perfect joy of your eternal love and to those bereaved by their passing the consolation of Your perfect love. We pray for for all who have gone before us in faith especially

# Those recently departed:

Those whose Years' Mind occur this month: Simon Edwards, Davis Cutmore, Stella Keaney, Alfred Scrivener. Anthony Smith. Sheila Pope. Thomas Weguelin, Henry Husey, Joscelyn Thompson, Grace Parsons, Albert Richard, Mark Webber, Heather Murphy, David Wood, Robert Botha, Vera Boulton, Ione McEwen, Sylvia Parkinson.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God, send us out into the world today mindful that as witnesses and servants, we should make you known in every place we visit and bear witness to the Gospel with acts of faith and hope and love.

# 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

## <u>Hymn</u>

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, His the throne. Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us;

Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him

When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore?"

Alleluia! Bread of angels, Here on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's redeemer, plead for me, Where the songs of all the sinless

Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,

You the Lord of lords we own; Alleluia! Born of Mary,

Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.

You within the veil have entered, Robed in flesh, our great high priest;

Here on earth both priest and victim

In the eucharistic feast.

# 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.

# <u>The Distribution of Com-</u> <u>munion</u>

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.

<u>Post - Communion Prayers</u> Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious His mercy endures for ever.

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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 Lord be with you And also with you

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 wellpleasing in his sight; and the blessing ...

### <u>Dismissal</u>

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

# <u>Hymn</u>

In Christ there is no east or west,

in him no south or north,

but one great fellowship of love

throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere

their high communion find. His service is the golden cord

close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of

the faith,

whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God

are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,

in him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are joined as one

throughout the whole wide earth.

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