



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
THE PARISH EUCHARIST
ZOOM SERVICE CELEBRATED IN
CELTIC STYLE
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
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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 (Please stand if you are able)

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before
him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

Welcome/The Gathering

Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking, the tired
and aching, who long for the
nourishment found at your feast.

Gather us in

The done and the doubting, the
wishing and wondering, the puzzled
and pondering, who long for your
company, found at your feast.

Gather us in

The proud and pretentious the sure
and superior the never inferior who
long for the levelling found at your
feast

Gather us in

The bright and the bustling, the
stirrers, the shakers, the kind
laughter makers who long for the
deeper joys found at your feast

Gather us in

From corner or limelight, from
mansion or campsite, from fears and
obsession, from tears and
depression, from untold excesses,
from treasured successes; to meet, to
eat, to be given a seat; be joined to
the vine; be offered new wine;
become like the least; be found at
the feast

Gather us in!

Confession

Create a clean heart within me, O
God, so that it may become your
chosen shelter and the resting place
of the Holy Spirit. I take the cross
upon me, over the tablet of my heart,
and I beseech the living God of the
universe, may the light of lights
come to my dark hard heart so that I
may live in the power of your love.

Amen.

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**

Collect

**O God, the protector of all who
trust in you, without whom nothing
is strong, nothing is holy: increase
and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and
guide we may so pass through
things temporal that we lose not
our hold on things eternal; grant
this, heavenly Father, for our Lord
Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. Amen**

Gospel - Mark 5:21-43

21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. 22 Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. 23 He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." 24 So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." 29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

30 At once Jesus realised that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

35 While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

36 Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39 He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead

but asleep.” 40 But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41 He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talithakoum!” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). 42 Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. 43 He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

There is no other God, there never was and there never will be, than God the Father, unbegotten and without beginning, the Lord of the universe, as we have been taught. And His son Jesus Christ, whom we declare to have always been with the Father in a way that baffles description. He was made man, defeated death and received into heaven by the Father and given

power over all names, in heaven, on earth and under the earth.

We believe in Him and look for His coming soon as a judge of all, treating everyone according to their faith and deeds. He has poured out His Spirit on us in abundance, the gift and guarantee of eternal life. We acknowledge and adore Him as one God in the Trinity of the Holy Name. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church - led by

Father God, you have caused into being a world of both wonder and great challenges and in your wisdom you have placed great responsibilities in our hands. Help us to know that we are not alone on life’s journey and that through our experiences and knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ we can seek guidance and help even through the darkest of times.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church in all its forms and traditions especially in those parts of the world where it faces open hostility and violence. Give courage and faith to its leaders and support all its

members through whatever adversity they face.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

So we pray for our church in our Diocese; for Justin and Rose our Bishops, for our parish here in Hawkhurst; for preachers, leaders, readers, cleaners, gardeners and musicians and all who contribute to our life of work and witness to the glory of God and of his son Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

We pray for peace in so many parts of our troubled world where ethnic, tribal and religious differences continue to fill our news headlines. We pray for the victims of all terrorist attacks, and their distraught families, as we find it difficult to understand the causes of so much hatred and inhumanity. We pray that those with influence and authority will heed and promote the calls for tolerance, peace and justice.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are faced with finding solutions to the problems of mass migration where people, fleeing poverty, war or persecution, take ever increasing risks to seek sanctuary in Europe. We remember that Jesus himself was taken as a refugee to Egypt and pray for the work of all engaged in humanitarian work amongst refugees in many parts of the world.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

We pray for our own country and its peoples, for HM the Queen, her ministers and all who hold authority and power. Help the nation to not forget its Christian heritage of charity and service - for the good of all its peoples.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

We pray for our young people who will be leaving the security of full time education and entering the varied world of employment. Help

them to find fulfilment in their chosen careers as we remember those who still seek work of any kind.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

In this time of heightened security we remember those who put their lives on the line for our security, Police, Firefighters, Lifeboat crews, members of the armed forces and others - and we pray for them and their families.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

As we have heard in the Gospel reading of Jesus' compassion for the sick so we pray for those in most need in our own families and neighbourhood. We remember those with illness and infirmity, the lonely, the housebound and those facing uncertain futures. We pray for all those in caring roles - that you bestow on them your gifts of patience, compassion and understanding.

We pray now for those that we know who are in some special need

at this time as we share a brief moment of silence together.

(A short period of silence and reflection)

As we have named them in our hearts so let them feel your presence and friendship in their lives as we commit them to your loving care.

Lord, in your mercy - Hear our prayer.

We also remember those who have been drawn to their eternal rest and are now in your safe keeping. We pray for those who mourn their passing and treasure memories of times past. We pray for:

Those recently departed:

Those whose Years' Mind occur this month:

Emily Arnold, Leila Philips, Colin Patterson, Marguerite Dunlop, Sheila Davis, Patsy Horner, Alexander Sandy Jones, Leslie Parsons, Norman French, Peter Maugham, Scarlett Reader, Ronald Poole, Ray Phillips, David Potter, Lewis Wag Waghorn

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

**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.**

So, in the presence of the Bread of Life who refused food for himself in order to nourish others, we deepen our devotion by praying His words:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy king-
dom come; thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread, And for-
give us our trespasses, as we for-
give 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**

**Immortal Love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.
Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.**

**We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown:**

**But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.**

**The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and
press,
and we are whole again.**

**Through him the first fond prayers
are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.**

**Alone, O Love ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.**

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Prayer of Adoration

Heaven is here, and earth and the space between them is thin. Distance may divide, but Christ's promise unites those bounded by time, those blessed by eternity.

Let heaven be glad;

Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Heaven is here, and earth, and the Church above and below is one. Peter is here, and Paul, Martha and all the Mary's, the saints from far back and those who left us not long ago. And only sight prevents us from seeing them, one with us on the other side.

Let heaven be glad

Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Heaven is here, and earth, and the God who made them is present. The lamb, glorious on the throne, sits beside us; the Spirit of God, the Dove makes her resting place among us. God inhales the breath of our prayers and spreads a table for our satisfaction.

Let heaven be glad.

Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Blessing and honour and glory and power be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!

The Invitation

He was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pleaded the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people; welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, He is the host. Those who wish to serve Him must first be served by Him, those who wish to follow Him, must first be fed by Him, those who would wash His feet, must first let Him make them clean.

For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished.

This is the time when God can make us new.

So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, a better life, a fairer world. Jesus Christ who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at His.

The Story

What we do here, we do in imitation of what Christ first did. To his followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command rooted in the experience he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

On the night when he was betrayed, as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus

took a piece of bread and broke it, he gave it to the disciples saying 'This is my body. It is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.'

Later after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine and said 'This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me.'

So now, we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labour. In these Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer now
to you.**

**Take and sanctify these gifts
for your honour, Lord.**

**Knowing that I love and serve you
is enough reward.**

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now
to you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise**

It is indeed right for you made us, and before you made us you made the world we inhabit, and before the world you made the eternal home in which, through Christ we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfilment. And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness. Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

Holy, holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

**And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love:
holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
come and fill our hearts anew,
Holy Spirit.**

**And we lift our voice before you as
a token of our love,
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.**

And now, lest we believe that our
praise alone fulfils your purpose, we
fall silent and remember him who
came because words weren't
enough.

Setting our wisdom, our will, our
words aside, emptying our hearts
and bringing nothing in our hands,
we yearn for the healing, the hold-
ing, the accepting, the forgiving
which Christ alone can offer...

Merciful God, send now in kindness,
your Holy Spirit to settle on this
bread and wine and fill them with
the fullness of Jesus.

And let that same Spirit rest on us,
converting us from the patterns of
this passing world, until we conform
to the shape of Him whose food we
now share. **Amen.**

Among friends, gathered round a ta-
ble, Jesus took bread and broke it,
and said, 'This is my body—broken
for you'.

Later he took a cup of wine and said
'This is the new relationship with
God made possible because of my
death. Take it, all of you, to remem-
ber me.'

He whom the universe could not
contain, is present to us in this bread.
He who redeemed us and called us
by name now meets us in this cup.
So take this bread and this wine.
In them God comes to us so that we
may come to God.

**Holy, holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love:
holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**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.

Music is played while Holy Communion is distributed

Post Communion Collect

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Christ who has nourished us, is our peace. Strangers and friends, male and female, old and young. He has broken down the barriers to bind us to him and to each other. Having tasted His goodness, let us share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Peace is shared.

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us and encourage many by us. So Lord may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

Benediction

On our heads and our homes
The blessing of God
In our coming and going
The Peace of God
In our life and believing

The Love of God
Be with us all
Today until the end of time.
Amen.

The Blessing

God, who from the death of sin
raised you to new life in Christ, keep
you from falling and set you in the
presence of his glory; and the bless-
ing ...

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

Jesus--the name that charms our
fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled
sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest
clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks; and, listening to his
voice,

New life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts
rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye
dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour
come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth
abroad
The honours of thy name.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

May the divine assistance remain
with us always.
And with all our brothers and sis-
ters in Christ.

May the souls of the faithful de-
parted through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**
Amen. Alleluia Alleluia