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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service

8.8.2021-The Feast of St.
Laurence

Details for the Zoom Service
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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.

Hymn (Please stand if you are
able)

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice
oppressed.
I Know not, ah, I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of
Sion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an
Angel,
and all the martyr throng;
the prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David;
and there, from care
released,
the shout of them that
triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they who with their
leader,
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country,
that eager hearts expect!

Jesus, in mercy bring us
to that dear land of rest;
who art, with God the Father
and Spirit ever blest.

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

The saints were faithful unto
death and now dwell in the
heavenly kingdom for ever. As
we celebrate their joy, let us
bring to the Lord our sins and
weaknesses, and ask for his
mercy.

Confession

We are often slow to follow
the example of Christ. Lord,
have mercy. Lord, have
mercy.

We often fail to be known as
Christ's disciples. Christ,
have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way
of the cross. 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
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
Silence is kept.

Almighty God, who made Laurence a loving servant of your people and a wise steward of the treasures of your Church: fire us with his example to love as he loved and to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; 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 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 read by Alison Jones

Brothers and sisters: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work.

As it is written:

He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures forever.

The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

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

Gradual Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

(Tune: The Church's One Foundation (Aurelia))

O Christ of truth and justice, defender of the poor, we trust your promise faithful,

**your mercy ever sure,
come not in fire or
earthquake,
or sign of worldly pow'r
but let your gentle whisper
announce the hallowed hour.**

**When flames of fire around
us
condemn our hearts to fear ,
then let the voice of stillness
compose the anxious ear,
and from our fears remake us
with faithful hearts like thine,
and, fixing on our patron,
may face the threatening iron.**

**O give us grace to follow
where blessed Laurence trod,
with gentle voice proclaiming
the perfect peace of Christ:
the promise of redemption
which first our fathers heard,
in Jesus Christ made perfect,
the co-eternal word.**

(Words by Fr. Rodney Dreyer)

Gospel Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Whoever follows me will not
walk in darkness
but will have the light of life,
says the Lord.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Hear the gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
John
Glory to Christ our Lord**

**Jesus said to his disciples:
“Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to
the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of
wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much
fruit.**

**Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in
this world
will preserve it for eternal life.
Whoever serves me must
follow me,
and where I am, there also will
my servant be.**

**The Father will honour
whoever serves me.”**

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

The Reflection

**Baptism of Daphne Jamie
Harper**

**The Prayers of the Church -
led by Peter Wyllie**

**We pray for strength to follow
Jesus. We thank you Lord for
the life, ministry and
martyrdom of St. Laurence
Saviour, we hear your call.**

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: ‘Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant.’

**Saviour, we hear your call.
Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: ‘Unless you change and become humble like little children, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven.’

**Saviour, we hear your call.
Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: ‘Happy are the humble; they will receive what God has promised.’

**Saviour, we hear your call.
Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: ‘Be merciful as your Father is merciful; love your enemies and do good to them.’

**Saviour, we hear your call.
Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: ‘Love one another, as I love you; there is no greater love than this, to lay down your life for your friends.’

**Saviour, we hear your call.
Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: ‘Go to people everywhere and make them my disciples, and I will be with you always, to the end of time.’

**Saviour, we hear your call.
Help us to follow.**

God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Saviour, we hear your call.
Help us to follow.**

We pray for:

**Those recently departed:
Louisa Shilling**

Those whose Years’ Mind occur this month:

Olivia Mason, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Douglas Nurney, Eric Warren, Gordon Garwood -Warren, William Livermore, Gerald Abbey, Frederick Skeet.

**Rest Eternal, grant unto them
O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine
upon them**

**Saviour, we hear your call.
Help us to follow.**

Almighty God, Grant that your Church may faithfully hold and make known the faith that has come to us through your saints that with them we may inherit the glories of eternal life

Saviour, we hear your call.
Help us to follow.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear these prayers we offer you in his name. By the power of your Holy Spirit work within us and among us to bring your kingdom values into this world. Let your will be done so that all people may live only for your praise and glory.

Saviour, we hear your call.
Help us to follow.

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

Merciful Father

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

The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near

through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

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!

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

Just as I am (thy love unknown
hath broken every barrier down).

now, to be thine, yea, thine
alone.

O Lamb of God, I come!

**Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth,
and height to prove,
here for a season, then
above,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

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.

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.*

Communion Hymn

All my hope on God is
founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and
chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly
glory,
sword and crown betray
God's trust;
what with lavish care man
buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by
hour.
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness ay
endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing
thought:
splendour, light and life
attend him,
beauty springeth out of
nought.
Evermore, from his store
new-born worlds rise and
adore.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,

high above all praises
praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all;
ye who follow shall not fall.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for he
is gracious
His mercy endures for ever.

God our redeemer, whose
Church was strengthened by
the blood of your martyr
Laurence: so bind us, in life
and death, to Christ's
sacrifice that our lives, broken
and offered with his, may
carry his death and proclaim
his resurrection in the world;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

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

God give you grace to follow
his saints in faith and love and

steadfastness and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

Dismissal

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

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might,
thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, bless'd communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west.

Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array,
as God to glory calls them all away.
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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 sisters in Christ.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. And rise in glory. Amen.

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