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St. Laurence Parish Church  
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist  
Service

22.8.2021-The Twelfth Sunday  
after Trinity

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

Meeting ID: 880 6739 1814  
Passcode: 009675

Please ensure that you are all  
wearing your face masks.  
Thank you.

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As we gather and prepare to join  
in worship together, music is  
played on the organ.

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**Hymn**

(Please stand if you are able)

Jesus, the very thought of thee  
with sweetness fills the breast;  
but sweeter far thy face to see,  
and in thy presence rest.

O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,

to those who fall, how kind thou  
art!  
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah,  
this  
nor tongue nor pen can show;  
the love of Jesus, what it is,  
none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,  
as thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now,  
and through eternity.

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**

As we prepare to celebrate the  
sacred mysteries, let us call to  
mind and confess our sins

**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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 - Ephesians 6:10-20 read by Sandra Dreyer**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

**Responsorial Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21**

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

The LORD has eyes for the just,

and ears for their cry.

The LORD confronts the evildoers,

to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**Gospel Alleluia**

Alleluia

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;

you have the words of everlasting life.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Gospel John 6:60-69**

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said,

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this,

he said to them, "Does this shock you?

What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail.

The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.

But there are some of you who do not believe."

Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him.

And he said,

"For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

### The Reflection

#### The Prayers of the Church - led by Sue Maskell

Everlasting God we come before you in this time of prayer to give you thanks for all you have done for us. We thank you for the cool of the morning, for the power of the sun and for the beauty of our part of the Weald.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Help us to be aware of your presence and hear your voice and make us always ready to obey and do your will. We pray for the church throughout the world and especially for our church here in Hawkhurst, in the Diocese of Canterbury. We thank you for all those who serve you so diligently; for everyone who contributes to the running of services and fundraising events and for all

who attend for worship and fellowship.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God we pray for peace in the world. We pray for a time when the weapons of war will be replaced by your protection; when oppression will be overcome by justice; when lies and deceit will be replaced by truth and integrity; and when hatred and cruelty will be replaced with your Spirit of love and justice.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we thank you for our family, friends and neighbours and for those around us with whom we work and share our daily lives. Give us a true awareness that we all share your world with others and help us to make our homes welcoming places that reflect our Christian beliefs.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Almighty God, be close to all who are frightened because they are ill. Reassure them that because of the knowledge that you have given to modern medicine that so many diseases can now be cured. We name before you now all those who are in need at this time

(Short Silence)

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, we remember and thank you for the lives and example of those who have died in the faith of Christ and for the privilege of sharing our lives with them. Be with those who mourn and open their minds that they may find hope and the will to carry on despite the heaviness of heart they are now experiencing.

We pray for:

Those recently departed:

Sheila Sheath, Louisa Shilling, Bishop Merwyn Castle.

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**

(Short Silence)

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Holy God, thank you for helping us to pray; deepen our loving so that as daily we pray through this coming week we may do it with love and sincerity in sure and certain knowledge of your abiding presence.

*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)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.\*

There is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:**

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

join with all nature in manifold witness

to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;

blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

**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**

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.

### **Post - Communion Prayers**

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

God of all mercy, in this  
Eucharist you have set aside  
our sins and given us your  
healing: grant that we who are  
made whole in Christ may bring  
that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of 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**

#### **Dismissal**

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

**Hymn** (Please stand if you are  
able)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my  
heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save  
that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or  
by night;  
Waking or sleeping, Thy  
presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou  
my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with  
me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father and I, Thy  
true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with  
Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's  
empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and  
always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my  
heart;  
O King of glory, my treasure  
Thou art.

O King of glory, my victory won;  
Rule and reign in me 'til Thy will  
be done;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever  
befall;  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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AT YOUR SERVICE

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## **NOTICES**

### **RIDE + Stride is on Saturday 11th September from 10am to 6pm**

We are looking for participants and SPONSORS please. Participants either walk or cycle between Kent Churches. Details can be obtained from Mrs Sandra Dreyer or the poster displayed in the porch.

Mrs Yo Reynolds has kindly agreed to participate on behalf of our church in the Ride and Stride and cycle from church to church on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. If you are able to sponsor her, please sign the sponsor form on the table at the side of the church which will be available after each service. Alternatively, you may contact Ali Jones on 01580 755705 and she will add your name to the list of sponsors.

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**HYMNS & PIMMS on  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September from  
3.30 to 4.30**

Come and sing your favourite hymns for an hour, followed by a drink of Pimms and a chat.

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### **RETIRE A HYMN FOR A YEAR will operate with effect from Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.**

Charlotte, our organist is running a silent auction for you to 'retire' your least favourite hymn from the church repertoire. This will be for a year! If you would like to join in, please leave an envelope on the grand piano nearest to the organ, containing the name of your least favourite hymn, your name and the amount you are prepared to pay for the privilege of retiring this hymn.

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### **BABYCCINO CAFE starts on Thursday September 16th from 9.30am until 11.30 am.**

All details are on the yellow fliers on the table at the back of the church. Please distribute the fliers to neighbours, relatives and friends who may be interested in joining us.

**⇒NEW⇐**  
**Babyccino Café**

**Opens 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
**9.30am until 11.30am**

**Join us for**

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**& PLAY**

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**Hawkhurst TN18 4NT**

**All very welcome - £1 Contribution**

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