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St. Laurence Parish Church  
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist  
Service

29.8.2021-The Thirteenth  
Sunday after Trinity

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

Meeting ID: 880 6739 1814  
Passcode: 009675

Wearing your face masks is now  
optional. Thank you.

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)

**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.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his  
trust;  
what with care and toil he  
buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.**

**But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

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

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from earth 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.**

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**

Refrain:

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest!

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. - Refrain

**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. - Refrain**

**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. - Refrain**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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 - James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 read by Mike Appelbe**

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5**

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbour; by whom the reprobate is despised, while he honours those who fear the LORD.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things shall never be disturbed.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**Gospel Alleluia**

Alleluia

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Father willed to give us birth  
by the word of truth  
that we may be a kind of firstfruits  
of his creatures.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Mark

**Glory to Christ our Lord**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees with some  
scribes who had come from  
Jerusalem

gathered around Jesus,  
they observed that some of his  
disciples ate their meals  
with unclean, that is, unwashed,  
hands.

For the Pharisees and, in fact, all  
Jews,

do not eat without carefully  
washing their hands,  
keeping the tradition of the elders.

And on coming from the  
marketplace

they do not eat without purifying  
themselves.

And there are many other things  
that they have traditionally  
observed,

the purification of cups and jugs  
and kettles and beds.

So the Pharisees and scribes  
questioned him,

“Why do your disciples not follow  
the tradition of the elders

but instead eat a meal with  
unclean hands?”

He responded,

“Well did Isaiah prophesy about  
you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honours me with  
their lips,

but their hearts are far from  
me;

in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines human  
precepts.

You disregard God’s  
commandment but cling to human  
tradition.”

He summoned the crowd again  
and said to them,

“Hear me, all of you, and  
understand.

Nothing that enters one from  
outside can defile that person;  
but the things that come out from  
within are what defile.

“From within people, from their  
hearts,

come evil thoughts, unchastity,  
theft, murder,  
adultery, greed, malice, deceit,  
licentiousness, envy, blasphemy,  
arrogance, folly.

All these evils come from within  
and they defile.”

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

## The Reflection

### The Nicene Creed

**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.**

**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.**

### The Prayers of the Church - led by Verity Buckle

Our heavenly Father promises  
eternal life to all who believe in his  
Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Trusting in that promise and in the  
power of the Holy Spirit let us pray  
for the church, for our world and  
for the healing of broken lives.

Lord, hear us.... **Lord,  
graciously hear us**

We pray for the church throughout  
the world as she reaches out to  
people searching for words of  
eternal life. As followers of Jesus

may we enter fully into his being, becoming one with him and the Father who sent him. We pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen us to love and serve our neighbours in Christ.

Lord, hear us.... **Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for peace in the world. We pray that weapons of destruction will be replaced by the protection of God; that lies and deceit will be replaced by truth and integrity; that doubt and oppression will be overcome by faith and salvation; and that the forces of hatred and cruelty will retreat before the Spirit of love and justice so that God's will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord, hear us.... **Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for all who are weakened and distressed by illness of body, mind or spirit. We pray that God's words of spirit and life will be heard in the darkest places of suffering. We pray that all of us will receive in our hearts the healing and wholeness of the eternal life of heaven.

Lord, hear us.... **Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for ourselves and for a renewal of our commitment to

following Jesus; for courage to continue when His way seems to be more than we can stand and for the grace and strength to speak out to others the words of eternal life which we have heard.

Lord, hear us.... **Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn their passing

We pray for:

Those recently departed:

Sheila Sheath

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**

**Heavenly Father we offer these prayers to you through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We commit to you ourselves and all for whom we have prayed trusting that you will bring all your children to share in the eternal life of your Kingdom.**

*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)

**Beauty for brokenness  
Hope for despair  
Lord, in the suffering  
This is our prayer  
Bread for the children  
Justice, joy, peace  
Sunrise to sunset  
Your kingdom increase!**

**Refrain**

***God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame***

**Shelter for fragile lives  
Cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsman**

**Trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed  
Rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who  
can't speak  
Refrain**

**Refuge from  
cruel wars  
Havens from  
fear  
Cities for sanctuary  
Freedoms to share  
Peace to the killing-fields  
Scorched earth to green  
Christ for the bitterness  
His cross for the pain  
Refrain**

**Rest for the ravaged earth  
Oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned  
Our future, our dreams  
Lord, end our madness  
Carelessness, greed  
Make us content with  
The things that we need  
Refrain**

**Lighten our darkness  
Breathe on this flame  
Until your justice  
Burns brightly again  
Until the nations  
Learn of your ways  
Seek your salvation  
And bring you their praise  
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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us 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**

**O thou who camest from above the fire celestial to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze, and trembling to its source return in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work, and speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat;**

till death thy endless mercies  
seal,  
and make the sacrifice  
complete.

### **Post - Communion Prayers**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is  
gracious

**His mercy endures for ever.**

God our creator, you feed your  
children with the true manna, the  
living bread from heaven: let this  
holy food sustain us through our  
earthly pilgrimage until we come  
to that place where hunger and  
thirst are no more; 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**

#### **Dismissal**

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

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

Teach me, my God and King,  
in all things thee to see,

and what I do in anything  
to do it as for thee.

A man that looks on glass,  
on it may stay his eye;  
or if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
and then the heaven espy.

All may of thee partake;  
nothing can be so mean,  
which with this tincture, "for thy  
sake,"  
will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause  
makes drudgery divine:  
who sweeps a room, as for thy  
laws,  
makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone  
that turneth all to gold;  
for that which God doth touch and  
own  
cannot for less be told.

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 and Mrs Felicity Robinson have 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.

**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.

**RETIRE A HYMN FOR A YEAR**

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.

**BABYCCINO CAFE starts every Thursday from September 16th between 9.30am and 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.

**FOOD FOR FAMILIES** –on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 11.30am there will be a training for volunteers. This will be held in the Baptist Church Hall. Please bring your lunch with you. If you would like more information or wish to become a volunteer please let Jane Cooper know on 01580 753741. If the number of volunteers can be increased, small teams can be created and this will reduce the workload.

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