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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.

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.**

AT YOUR SERVICE

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If you have concerns about the safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable person, please speak to Jane Cooper.
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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 11th 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 4th 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 1st 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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