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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist

Service

31.10. 2021-The Fourth

Sunday before Advent/ All

Saints Sunday

Details for the Zoom Service

if you wish to follow on

Zoom:

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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)

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel
into joy from sadness;

loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons,
bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold thee as a mortal;
but today amidst the twelve
thou didst stand, bestowing

that thy peace which
evermore
passeth human knowing.

"Alleluia!" now we cry
to our King immortal,
who, triumphant, burst the
bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
"Alleluia!" with the Son,
God the Father praising,
"Alleluia!" yet again
to the Spirit raising.

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

Lord, you are gracious and
compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all and your
mercy is over all your
creation:

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless
your name and speak of the
glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins, and
restore us in his image to the
praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

The Gloria (Sung)

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

O Almighty God, who has knit
together your elect in one
communion and fellowship, in
the mystical body of your Son
Christ our Lord: Grant us
grace so to follow your
blessed Saints in all virtuous
and godly living, that we may
come to those unspeakable
joys, which you have

prepared for them that
unfeignedly love you; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is kept.

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 - Hebrews 9:11- 14 read by Anne Wheelhouse

But when Christ came as high
priest of the good things that are
now already here, he went
through the greater and more
perfect tabernacle that is not
made with human hands, that is
to say, is not a part of this
creation. He did not enter by
means of the blood of goats and
calves; but he entered the Most
Holy Place once for all by his
own blood, thus obtaining
eternal redemption. The blood of
goats and bulls and the ashes of

a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

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

**Responsorial Psalm 18:2-3,
3-4, 47, 51**

**R. I love you, Lord, my
strength.**

**I love you, O LORD, my
strength,**

**O LORD, my rock, my for-
tress, my deliverer.**

**R. I love you, Lord, my
strength.**

**My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my sal-
vation, my stronghold!**

**Praised be the LORD, I ex-
claim,**

**and I am safe from my ene-
mies.**

**R. I love you, Lord, my
strength.**

**The LORD lives! And blessed
be my rock!**

Extolled be God my saviour.

**You who gave great victories
to your king**

**and showed kindness to your
anointed.**

**R. I love you, Lord, my
strength.**

Gospel Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Whoever loves me will keep
my word, says the Lord;
and my father will love him
and we will come to him.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**The Lord be with you
And also with you**

**Hear the gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
Mark**

Glory to Christ our Lord

Gospel Mark 12:28b-34

**One of the scribes came to Je-
sus and asked him,**

**"Which is the first of all the
commandments?"**

**Jesus replied, "The first is
this:**

Hear, O Israel!

**The Lord our God is Lord
alone!**

**You shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart,**

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

The second is this:

**You shall love your neighbour
as yourself.**

**There is no other command-
ment greater than these."**

**The scribe said to him, "Well
said, teacher.**

**You are right in saying,
'He is One and there is no
other than he.'**

**And 'to love him with all your
heart,**

**with all your understanding,
with all your strength,
and to love your neighbour as
yourself'**

**is worth more than all burnt
offerings and sacrifices."**

**And when Jesus saw that he
answered with understand-
ing,**

he said to him,

**"You are not far from the king-
dom of God."**

**And no one dared to ask him
any more questions.**

**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 Fa-
ther,
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 Scrip-
tures;
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 Peter Wyllie

God of All the Saints we ask that we might be a holy church, a praying church, a giving church, a serving church. May the saints in heaven be an example for us as today as we reassess our lives and ministry mindful of our parish here in Hawkhurst. We continue to pray for Justin and Rose our Bishops

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

God of Peace we thank you for your world and remember that

you entrusted it to our care as stewards. Give us wisdom to manage our money and personal finances well and to practice heartfelt generosity. As we live each day, help us to treat our world fairly whilst accepting its goodness gratefully. Help us to remember that you are the giver of all we have and to put aside pride of ownership

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

God of Compassion, bring healing and peace to the nations in conflict, where there is political instability and where Covid still rages through the population. Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little and help all people to love their neighbour as themselves.

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

God of Justice, keep us from being preoccupied with money and worldly goods and with trying to increase them at the expense of justice. Let us not be so concerned with our own problems

that we become lacking in concern for the problems of others. Help us to demonstrate our love for you in our daily lives and in the wider society. Make us quick to forgive and slow to condemn and help us to strive for peace in our families, in our country and in the world.

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

God of Communities, we thank you for those who helped us on our journey of faith and encouraged us to keep going when we felt like giving up; for all those who taught us the faith; for those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives, striving for a better world following the example of your only son, Jesus Christ

We pray for our own community here and for our church, its congregation, wardens and for all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes, to make our Church the thriving congregation it is today.

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

God of Healing, we pray for all who bear the burdens of pain,

bereavement, anxiety and depression. We pray for those whose illness stems from financial problems. We pray that they may have an awareness of your presence and an understanding that you are bearing those burdens with them and always working towards their healing and wholeness.

Lord in your mercy- **Hear our prayer.**

God of Eternity, we thank you for all the Saints – those recognised by the Church and those known only to a few, and to you. We praise you for their example and rejoice that they now live with you heaven enjoying your everlasting peace

We pray for..

Those recently departed: Halina Kent, Sir David Amess

Those whose Years' Mind occur this month:

Michelle Berge, Mary Howarth, Raymond John Denney, John Velvick, Tim Morton, Janusz Kent, Janina Misayat, Christopher Denne, Pat Bassant, Philip Sheldon,

Arthur Horner, Patricia Travers, Janet Attwood, Alan Collins, Dorothy Heady

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

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

Lord as we go out from church today, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints. May we, week by week continue to celebrate our communion with them whenever and wherever we worship.

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)

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.**

**Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,**

a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing
God's praise
than when we first begun.

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.

We sing together

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

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,

praising my Saviour all the day long;

this is my story, this is my song,

praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,

visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

angels descending bring from above

echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;

I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,

filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious

His mercy endures for ever.

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim altar to the banquet of our heavenly homeland. We make our prayer through 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

Notices

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
blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their for-
tress, and their might;
thou Lord, their captain in the
well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear,
their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful,
true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly
fought of old,
and win with them the victor's
crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellow-
ship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in

glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all
are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce,
the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant
triumph song,
and hearts are brave again,
and arms are strong.
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 re-
main with us always.
And with all our brothers and
sisters in Christ.

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

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