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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist
Service.

9. 1. 2022 - The Baptism of
Christ

The Zoom details for this service
are:

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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.

Welcome

Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;

come with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
speak within these walls today.

Grant, we pray, to all your faithful
all the gifts they ask to gain;
what they gain from you forever
with the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

In the Name of God: Father, Son
and the Holy Spirit . **Amen.**

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

In silence let us call to mind our sins against God, others and ourselves.. We confess together:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you through our own fault in thought, word, and deed and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.

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 Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 - Acts 10:34-38 read by Stephen Ringer

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit

cleansed by the blood of Christ
our king;
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise -
faithfully now God's praise we
sing.

Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our
king;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven
thankfully now God's praise we
sing.

Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our
king;
born of one Father,
we are his children -
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and
the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, listen to
him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with
expectation,
and all were asking in their hearts

whether John might be the Christ.
John answered them all, saying,
"I am baptising you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the
thongs of his sandals.
He will baptise you with the Holy
Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been
baptised
and Jesus also had been baptised
and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy
Spirit descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

The Reflection

The Creed - said together
**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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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 Anne Wheelhouse

Lord, as we are all united in baptism, we ask you to help us break down the barriers that keep us apart. As all things are made new in your son, renew your

Church, we pray, that we may gather new strength for the mission that you have charged us with of spreading the good news.

Lord, as you have called us, make us worthy of our calling: in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Lord, as your Holy Spirit moved upon the face of the waters, you brought light into the world. Look now, we pray, on the hidden corners of our world and lighten the darkness of ignorance and error, that the world may be truly free. Breathe something of your wisdom and compassion into the souls of those who have authority over others, that they may exercise it wisely.

Lord, as you have called us, make us worthy of our calling: in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Pour forth, O Lord, your love upon this land and its people as we try to follow the example of your Son in whom you were well-pleased. We continue to pray for Elizabeth our Queen and all members of the Royal family. Daily renew in us the desire to serve you and our neighbour and help us to overcome all pettiness in our dealings with each other.

Lord, as you have called us, make us worthy of our calling: in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Lord, look with pity we pray on those whose lives are bruised, whose hopes are quenched. We pray for all those affected by Covid 19. Help them to feel the reality of your wonderful promise that you will be a constant presence to us through fire and flood, and that we shall not be overwhelmed since you are with us always, even unto the end of the world.

Lord, as you have called us, make us worthy of our calling: in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We commend to your love those who, washed in the water of baptism, were close to you in this life and are now one with you in the life eternal. May they rest in your love and the life of the Holy Spirit. We pray for:

Those recently departed:

And all those whose years' mind occur this month:

Jack Travers, Evelyn Waghorn,
Eleftheria Corfield, William Butler,
Hilary Wood, Cecille Mallinson,
Lily Collins, Malcolm Dreyer,
Richard Dyke, Jane Barker, Olaf
Phillips, Doris Bird, Gilbert
French, Rosaline Beeny, William
Fawcett, Stephen Barker, Isoline
Vaughan, Hylda Reynolds,
Kathleen Wood, Sheila

Maugham, Sylvia Smith,
Prudence Bilsby

Lord, as you have called us, make us worthy of our calling: in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Merciful Father

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

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
manifested by the star
to the Magi from afar,
branch of royal David's stem,
in your birth at Bethlehem.

Anthems be to you addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King
supreme,
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine.

Anthems be to you addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall
flee.

Christ will then like lightning
shine;
all will see his glorious sign.
All will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the judge appear.
You by all will be confessed,
God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
mirrored in your holy Word.
May our lives and all we do
imitate and honour you
that we all like you may be
at your great epiphany
and may praise you, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the
power,
the glory, the splendour, and the
majesty;
for everything in heaven and on
earth is yours.

All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

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 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 break this bread to share in
the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are
one body**

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 for those joining us on
Zoom who are making their
Spiritual Communion**

**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.**

Hymn

Glory be to Jesus,
who in bitter pains
poured for me the lifeblood
from his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion,

infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream
which from endless torment
did the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies,
but the blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting
lifts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices,
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood!

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is
gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Lord of all time and eternity, you
opened the heavens and revealed
your
self as Father in the baptism of
Jesus your beloved Son: by the
power your Spirit complete the
heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new
creation; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

**Father almighty we offer
ourselves to you as a living
sacrifice in Jesus Christ our
Lord. Send us out into the
world in the power of the Holy**

**Spirit to live and work to your
praise and glory. Amen**

The Blessing

May God the Holy Spirit, who
came upon the beloved Son at his
baptism in the river Jordan, pour
out his gifts on you who have
come to the waters of new birth.
And the blessing ...

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and
dying,
are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go,

and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever;
that name to us is love.

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.**

Retiring Organ Voluntary

It is the custom to remain seated
during the organ voluntary
because it is part of our act of
worship.

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NOTICES

There will be a Deanery
Confirmation Service here on the
22nd January 2022 at 2pm. We
have five candidates. If you would
like to be confirmed in the faith of
the Church by Bishop Rose
during this service, please speak
to Fr. Rodney. We look forward to
welcoming Bishop Rose on her
first visit to our parish.

Wednesday Eucharist at Bowles
Lodge ~ 10.00a.m. Please do
join us.

Coffee After Church - If possible,
please bring your own coffee
cups/mugs to church on Sunday.

The Sightsavers Advent Giving
Tree raised £364. Thank you so
much for your support of this very
worthy charity.

We hope that The Wealden
Consort will be entertaining us
soon to some beautiful choral
music. We will publish further
information as soon as we can.