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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist
Service.

23. 1. 2022 - The Third Sunday
of Epiphany in the Week of
Prayer for Christian Unity

The Zoom details for this service
are:

Meeting ID: 880 6739 1814
Passcode: 009675

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

**Glorious things of you are
spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be
broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure
repose?
With salvation's walls
surrounded,**

**you may smile at all your foes.
See, the streams of living
waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and
daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the
giver,
never fails from age to age
Saviour, since of Zion's city
I thro' grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's vain
pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and
show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.**

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 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

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
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 - 1 Cor 12:12-30
read by Richard O'Neill**

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body

be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honourable we surround with greater honour, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this.

But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honour to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honoured, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have

gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,

giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The precepts of the LORD are right,

rejoicing the heart;

The command of the LORD is clear,

enlightening the eye.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;

The ordinances of the LORD are true,

all of them just.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart

find favour before you,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,

and to proclaim liberty to captives.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed

to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the
poor.

He has sent me to proclaim
freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the
blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s
favour.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave
it back to the attendant and sat
down. The eyes of everyone in
the synagogue were fastened on
him. He began by saying to them,
“Today this scripture is fulfilled in
your hearing.”

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 Fr. Rodney**

Everlasting God, we thank you for
welcoming us in love, hear us as

we pray for the unity of the church, the world and for all in need.

Faithful God, as our Gospel shows us the preaching Christ, we pray for all who preach your word week by week in our church and in the world wide church. We pray for Bishops Justin and Rose. Inspire them in their ministry as they lead and grow us as disciples and as they reach out to those in need in our communities.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those Confirmed in this church yesterday, that all things belonging to the Holy Spirit may continue to live and grow in them

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator, God of every land and nation you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus Christ. We pray for our troubled world its peoples and their leaders. We pray for those caught up in war and violence, especially the innocent victims of evil and destructive act of terrorism. May peace be found and good sense flourish that we may see injustice and wrong vanquished.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, although we are sometimes separated by language and culture from the people we live amongst, we long to see your will done here on earth as it is in heaven. We pray for our neighbours, not only with words, but day by day, moment by moment, in the things we do and the way we do them.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Abundant God, be with those of us that desire and need your restoration and healing. As we remember the way your son Jesus Christ cast out demons we remember today all those who live in the depths of depression and mental illness especially when it comes from the fear of the ongoing Pandemic. Today, we ask for your blessing and healing touch upon them

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love. May those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace. We remember before you those who have died and we pray for all whose life is saddened by the

death of a loved one, be with them in their loneliness

Those recently departed: Michael Hagger

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, Leila Wood

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we pray for ourselves; as we go from your house today to start the week ahead, we ask that in all we do, we may we walk more closely with you at our side safe in the knowledge that your abiding love and care knows no bounds.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, as we go out into the world we pray that we may reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can witness that we

are followers of Christ and draw others into his loving care.

Merciful Father

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

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled to God in one body by the Cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Hymn

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know

and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare,

will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free

and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've
found

to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch
and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes
true

when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps
show.

Thus I'll move and live and
grow
in you and you in me.

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.**

Communion Hymn

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts
ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**

**Join hands, then, people of the
faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east
and west,
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are joined as
one
throughout the whole wide
earth.**

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is
gracious
God's mercy endures for ever.

Almighty Father, whose Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of
the world: may your people,
illumined by your word and
sacraments, shine with the
radiance of his glory, that he may
be known, worshipped, and
obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever. **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

The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the
living God, teach you to walk in his
way more trustfully, to accept his
truth more faithfully, and to share
his life more lovingly; that by the
power of the Holy Spirit you may
come as one family to the
kingdom of the Father. And the
blessing ...

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

Hymn

**The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and
sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought
her,
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Tho' with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,**

by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are
keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

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

Please pray for those from our
parish who were Confirmed by
Bishop Rose yesterday:

Sean Appiah-Pepurah
Whitney Appiah- Pepurah
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Stephen Ringer
Peter Taylor Smith
Honor Wyllie

**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.

Sat 5th Feb at 7.00 Wealden Consort concert at St Laurence. Tickets on the door - £12 to include a complimentary drink on entry. Children under 12 years old - £5. Cash bar available in the interval. Doors open at 6.15pm.