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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist
Service.

30. 1. 2022 - The Fourth Sunday
of Epiphany

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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

**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.**

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

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray

that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 -1 Cor 12:31—13:13 read by Peter Wyllie

Brothers and sisters:
Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.
But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues,
but do not have love,
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.
And if I have the gift of prophecy,

and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;
if I have all faith so as to move mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.
If I give away everything I own,
and if I hand my body over so that I may boast,
but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, it is not pompous,
It is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.
If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing;
if tongues, they will cease;
if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.
For we know partially and we prophesy partially,
but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.
When I was a child, I used to talk as a child,
think as a child, reason as a child;

when I became a man, I put aside
childish things.

At present we see indistinctly, as
in a mirror,

but then face to face.

At present I know partially;
then I shall know fully, as I am fully
known.

So faith, hope, love remain, these
three;
but the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hymn

**Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;**

**Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his
throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

to proclaim liberty to captives.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the
synagogue, saying:

“Today this Scripture passage is
fulfilled in your hearing.”

And all spoke highly of him
and were amazed at the gracious
words that came from his mouth.

They also asked, “Isn’t this the
son of Joseph?”

He said to them, “Surely you will
quote me this proverb,

‘Physician, cure yourself,’ and
say,

‘Do here in your native place
the things that we heard were
done in Capernaum.’”

And he said, “Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted in his own
native place.

Indeed, I tell you,
there were many widows in Israel
in the days of Elijah

when the sky was closed for three
and a half years
and a severe famine spread over
the entire land.

It was to none of these that Elijah
was sent,

but only to a widow in Zarephath
in the land of Sidon.

Again, there were many lepers in
Israel

during the time of Elisha the
prophet;

yet not one of them was cleansed,
but only Naaman the Syrian.”
When the people in the
synagogue heard this,
they were all filled with fury.
They rose up, drove him out of the
town,
and led him to the brow of the hill
on which their town had been
built,
to hurl him down headlong.
But Jesus passed through the
midst of them and went away.

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 Liz Hatcher

Lord, as we draw a circle around those in the Church who think like us, help us widen the circle to encompass through your love also those who think differently. Let us not become so engrossed in the finer points of doctrine that we forget your command to love you with all our heart, with all our

soul, with all our mind, with all our strength, and our neighbours as ourselves.

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

Lord, forgive the imperfections of our human vision and help us to see your Truth more clearly, and then to act accordingly. Where the victims of war and famine stand at our gates, helplessly asking for our mercy, let not our hearts be hardened against them. Inspire our leaders with the knowledge of how they can help, and give them the courage to do so, in our name.

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

Lord, set us on fire with the power of your love, and burn from us all that dims your light. Kindle, we pray, an answering flame in the lives of those around us, that darkness may be driven back and glory stream into this world, transforming it with your love.

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

We pray for all those who are struggling in their lives. Bring them hope of an end to their sufferings, and a resolution of their difficulties. Show us the best way to help those who suffer, without being intrusive but without

simply turning away from their pain either. Give us sensitivity and a sense of timing as we seek to reflect your love to them.

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

We remember those who have departed this life. We give thanks for the love that brings life out of death; grant to those on another shore the perfect sight of your everlasting glory.

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.**

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we proclaim the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,**

**fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.**

**Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit

into ev'ry troubled breast.

**Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.**

**Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.**

**End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.**

**Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.**

**Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.**

**Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,**

lost in wonder, love and praise.

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

God of love, you shaped your purposes for your chosen people and your church before the foundation of the world; and you knew each one of us before you formed us in the womb.

You have given your people tongues to speak your name, prophecy to see your work and faith to see your power; but most of all you have given us your love to imitate your life. In that love your Son laid down his life for us on the cross, and through that love you raised him to glorious life.

Moved by that love and inspired by tongues of angels and archangels, we join the heavenly song of everlasting praise:

**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.**

Generous God, as you turn the texture of wheat into bread, and change the juice of grapes into wine, send down your Holy Spirit that we may be transformed into the likeness of your living Word and that these signs of your creation may be for us the gifts of your new creation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread and gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying,

“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying,

“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as

often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Revealing God, you give us prophecies, but they come to an end; you give us tongues, but they cease; you give us knowledge, but it is only partial.

Give us in this sacred meal faith to move mountains, hope in the power of your transforming kingdom and love that never comes an end; until the day when we look in the mirror and see your face in the face of your church; fully known by you and transformed into the image of your Son;

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

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Saviour,
there is healing in his blood.

But we make God's love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word,
and our lives would be illumined

by the presence of our Lord.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of

my heart;
Be all else but naught to me,
save that Thou art;
Be Thou my best thought in the
day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, Thy
presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou
my true Word;
Be Thou ever with me, and I
with Thee, Lord;
Be Thou my great Father, and I
Thy true son;
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I
with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate, my
Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my whole Armour, be
Thou my true Might;
Be Thou my soul's Shelter, be
Thou my strong Tow'r,
O raise Thou me heav'nward,
great Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's
empty praise;
Be Thou mine inheritance, now
and always;
Be Thou and Thou only the first
in my heart,
O high King of heaven, my
Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou
heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry
is won;
Great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler

of all.

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

- 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.
 - Now that the permanent Faculty has been granted for the removal of some pews at the back of the Church, we are very happy to inform you that forty beautiful new oak chairs are due to be delivered in mid – March. We are so very thankful to those who paid for the chairs. They have provided a long lasting and generous gift for the Church.
 - If you would be interested in purchasing an engraved memorial plaque to be fixed on one of the new chairs, please let Father Rodney, Ali or Liz know. We are still sourcing a supplier so have no costs as yet.
- Is there anyone who would like to purchase one of the old pews?
 - Wealden Consort Concert – next Saturday 5th February in the Church. Tickets are available on the door (£12 adults, £5 for those under 12). This includes a complimentary drink on entry. There will be a cash bar available as well. The Wealden Consort will be singing a mix of sacred and secular music and are highly in demand. A concert well worth coming to!
 - Next Sunday our Parish Eucharist will be the Christingle Service.

