

DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY
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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist
Service.

13. 2. 2022 - The Third Sunday
before Lent

The Zoom details for this service
are:

Meeting ID: 880 6739 1814

Passcode: 009675

As we gather and prepare to join
in worship together, music is
played on the organ.

Welcome

Hymn

The kingdom of God is justice and
joy;

For Jesus restores what sin would
destroy.

God's power and glory in Jesus
we know;

And here and hereafter the
kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and
grace;

The captives are freed, the
sinners find place,

The outcast are welcomed God's
banquet to share;

And hope is awakened in place of
despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge
and choice:

Believe the good news, repent
and rejoice!

God's love for us sinners brought
Christ to his cross:

Our crisis of judgement for gain or
for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift
and the goal;

In Jesus begun, in heaven made
whole.

The heirs of the kingdom shall
answer his call;

And all things cry "Glory!" to God
all in all.

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

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 -1 Corinthians
15:12, 16-20 read by Stephen
Ringer**

Brothers and sisters:
If Christ is preached as raised
from the dead,
how can some among you say
there is no resurrection of the
dead?
If the dead are not raised, neither
has Christ been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is vain;
you are still in your sins.
Then those who have fallen
asleep in Christ have perished.
If for this life only we have hoped
in Christ,
we are the most pitiable people of
all.

But now Christ has been raised
from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have
fallen asleep.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be
added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Allelu, alleluia.
Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth
of God.
Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto
you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be
opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in
heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke
Glory to Christ our Lord

Gospel Luke 6:17-26

He went down with them and
stood on a level place. A large
crowd of his disciples was there
and a great number of people
from all over Judea, from
Jerusalem, and from the coastal
region around Tyre and Sidon,
who had come to hear him and to
be healed of their diseases.

Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you

and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,

for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

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 Mary Tanner

Holy God, help us to hold high the standard of your teaching, even when it is hard to apply it to our modern way of life. May we strive to never lower your standards, or to change what you teach, but to pray diligently for a realistic understanding of what you want for us in every aspect of our lives. Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for your blessing to be upon this congregation, upon this church and parish, and for your presence to be seen vividly in what we do and say each day. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in and through us and that we might never be seen by those around us as falling short of the teachings of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth, and restore our passion for what is good and right. Establish your just and gentle rule throughout the world especially where there is conflict; where peace seems so far away and so many have lost everything, even the faint hope of a peaceful future.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

All powerful God, we continue to pray for her majesty the Queen and for every member of the royal family. May they know your peace, your presence and your protection.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we pray that each of us will make use of our individual talents enabling each of us to flourish as a witness to the "One Body" of the church. Stir up the desire in all of us to serve where appropriate in order that your gospel may be effectively taken out into every part of our parish and beyond.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we ask for your healing touch on all who are ill or suffering. We especially pray for any we know who are experiencing emotional pain or are broken in spirit through personal or family problems. Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that by casting their cares on you they may find the strength to face the days ahead. We pray for those

Those recently departed: Joyce Maud Jamieson

And all those whose years' mind occur this month:

William Crouch, Michael French, Charles Bladon, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Jane Coleman, Michael Buss, Albert Collins, Victor Botha, Joan Maskell, Brian Kingdom, Martin Chubb, Desna Harries, Christobel Van der Hoeven, Leslie Corfield, Marjorie Addyman, Norman Sheldon, Christian Solari.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God, send us out into the world, renewed by our worship and strengthened by our fellowship so that we may be a testament to the Gospel of your

son Jesus Christ and determined to bring healing and reconciliation to our wounded world.

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

Lord Of The Church, We Pray For Our Renewing:

Christ Over All, Our Undivided Aim.

Fire Of The Spirit, Burn For Our Enduing,

Wind Of The Spirit, Fan The Living Flame!

We Turn To Christ Amid Our Fear And Failing,

The Will That Lacks The Courage To Be Free,

The Weary Labours, All But Unavailing,

To Bring Us Nearer What A Church Should Be.

Lord Of The Church, We Seek A Father's Blessing,

A True Repentance And A Faith Restored,

A Swift Obedience And A New Possessing,
Filled With The Holy Spirit Of The Lord!

We Turn To Christ From All Our Restless Striving,
Unnumbered Voices With A Single Prayer:

The Living Water For Our Souls' Reviving,
In Christ To Live, And Love And Serve And Care.

Lord Of The Church, We Long For Our Uniting,
True To One Calling, By One Vision Stirred;

One Cross Proclaiming And One Creed Reciting,
One In The Truth Of Jesus And His Word.

So Lead Us On; Till Toil And Trouble Ended,

One Church Triumphant One New Song Shall Sing,

To Praise His Glory, Risen And Ascended,

Christ Over All, The Everlasting King!

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

It is a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God of glory, for you formed a people to trust in you, to root their life in yours and to bear fruit without end. When they were parched by sin and thirsting for righteousness, you sent your Son and let them drink of your

forgiving mercies. So you made them like trees planted by the streams of living water whose leaves do not wither.

By the power of your Holy Spirit you raised your Son from death to life, the first fruits of those who have died. Trusting in your all sufficient ways, your church is rooted in you and continues to bear the fruits of resurrection. And so with your people on earth and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join the hymn of glory;

**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.**

Replenishing God, you have power to transform hunger into blessing; fill us with faith as we feast around your table. As your Son blessed the hungry, send your Holy Spirit upon your church. As we remember his saving passion, show us the fulness of your love.

Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son. Who at supper with his disciples, took bread,

gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it 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.**

Patient God, you promise your kingdom belongs to the poor: bless your church through the faithful company of those who know poverty. As you bestow laughter upon those who weep, comfort your sons and daughters who cry and show them unfailing joy.

As you extend your goodness to all who are excluded on account of your Son, give courage to those who are persecuted. As you promise to uphold all who hunger, fill your children, body and soul with food that truly satisfies.

Bring us to the great day of heavenly reward, that dawn of unending blessedness which we shall share with all your saints, rejoicing in your glory, ever-faithful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey
through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is
gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus
Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him
should never hunger: draw us to
the Lord in faith and love, that we
may eat and drink with him at his
table in the kingdom, where 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

Oh Lord, All The World Belongs
To You

And You Are Always Making All
Things New.

What Is Wrong, You Forgive,
And The New Life You Give
Is What's Turning The World
Upside Down.

The World's Only Loving To Its
Friends,
But Your Way Of Loving Never
Ends,
Loving Enemies Too;
And This Loving With You
Is What's Turning The World
Upside Down.

The World Lives Divided And
Apart,
You Draw Men Together, And We
Start

In Our Friendship To See
That In Harmony We
Can Be Turning The World
Upside Down.

The World Wants The Wealth To

Live In State,
But You Show A New Way To Be
Great:

Like A Servant You Came,
And If We Do The Same,
We'll Be Turning The World
Upside Down.

Oh Lord All The World Belongs To
You

And You Are Always Making All
Things New.

Send Your Spirit On All In Your
Church Whom You Call
To Be Turning The World Upside
Down.

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.

AT YOUR SERVICE

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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
Sundays.

**OPEN Deanery Synod meeting
22nd February, 7.15pm for**

prompt 7.30pm start at St
Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook.
Everyone welcome to the Open
Session on - Bereavement
Counselling, a presentation by
Ms. Claire Roberts, Diocesan
Pastoral Committee.

The Wealden Consort Concert
last week made £638.

We hope to use some of this
money to install emergency lights

in the toilet, kitchen and near the font.

The Church of England Children's Society collection taken last Sunday in church raised £91. Thank you.

Please take a **Church of England Children's Society Collection Box** today and fill it with loose change between now and Easter Sunday. The boxes will be available at the Church door today and will be collected in on Easter Sunday (17 April).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022 – a service for everyone will be held on **Friday 4 March at 7pm at St Laurence Church.**

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical organisation which enables women all over the world to share the ideas and concerns of the country writing the service. This year is a special year because the service has been written by England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The service will be followed by tea and coffee.

Electoral Roll - if you would like to be registered on the Electoral Roll of St Laurence or wish to know more about being a member, please speak to Stephen Ringer. Names can be added up to the date of the Annual Parochial Church

Meeting which will be held on Sunday 24 April. Application forms are available on the table at the back of the church.

Memorial plaques for the new chairs can now be ordered. If you would like to purchase a small brass plaque which will be fixed onto a chair in memory of a loved one, please put your request in writing and give to Ali or Liz. The cost will be £50 per plaque, including fixing. The size will be 5" x 2" . Engraving will be up to 250 characters split across 5 lines.

i.e. 50 characters per line.

Forthcoming Dates

Tuesday 22 February: Open Deanery Synod meeting

Wednesday 2 March: Ash Wednesday

Friday 4 March: World Day of Prayer

Sunday 27 March: Mothering Sunday

Sunday 17 April: Easter Day

Sunday 24 April: Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Don't forget donations for the foodbank can be left outside the vicarage. It is half term next week.