



ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
THE PARISH EUCHARIST
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STYLE

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT-
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Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and
thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms,
powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
[Refrain]

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,

all saints triumphant, raise the
song: [Refrain]

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
[Refrain]

Welcome/The Gathering

Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking, the tired
and aching, who long for the
nourishment found at your feast.

Gather us in

The done and the doubting, the
wishing and wondering, the puzzled
and pondering, who long for your
company, found at your feast.

Gather us in

The proud and pretentious the sure
and superior the never inferior who
long for the levelling found at your
feast

Gather us in

The bright and the bustling, the
stirrers, the shakers, the kind
laughter makers who long for the
deeper joys found at your feast

Gather us in

From corner or limelight, from
mansion or campsite, from fears
and obsession, from tears and
depression, from untold excesses,
from treasured successes; to meet,
to eat, to be given a seat; be joined
to the vine; be offered new wine;
become like the least; be found at
the feast

Gather us in!

Confession

Create a clean heart within me, O God, so that it may become your chosen shelter and the resting place of the Holy Spirit. I take the cross upon me, over the tablet of my heart, and I beseech the living God of the universe, may the light of lights come to my dark hard heart so that I may live in the power of your love. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gospel - Luke 8:22-25

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

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

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

There is no other God, there never was and there never will be, than God the Father, unbegotten and without beginning, the Lord of the universe, as we have been taught.

And His son Jesus Christ, whom we declare to have always been with the Father in a way that baffles description. He was made man, defeated death and received into heaven by the Father and given power over all names, in heaven, on earth and under the earth.

We believe in Him and look for His coming soon as a judge of all, treating everyone according to their faith and deeds.

He has poured out His Spirit on us in abundance, the gift and guarantee of eternal life.

We acknowledge and adore Him as one God in the Trinity of the Holy Name. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

In the grace of the Spirit and in union with Christ, we pray to the Father.

‘One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them,

‘Let us go across to the other side of the lake.’

God of our journey, sometimes following your Son leads us to make a crossing to the other side – to meet with people we haven’t associated with before, to be in a different place than we have known, to see things from a point of view other than our own.

We pray that we may never be content to stay where we are comfortable, but that you would continually inspire us to embrace and welcome those who are different from ourselves, and more than that, not just to expect them to come to us, but to be ready to journey to be with them, where they are.

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

‘So, they put out, and while they were sailing, he fell asleep.’

God our peace, We pray for all who are exhausted in these days in which we are living – people at the sharp end of this pandemic, health and care workers, shop workers, teachers and other staff in our schools, clergy and other ministers leading our congregations, all whose mental health and well-being has been negatively impacted by isolation.

We pray that you may bring to all the gifts of sleep, of rest and of peace to all.

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

‘A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.’

God of land and sea and sky, we pray for all who make their living in ways that put them in danger. We pray for all who feel overwhelmed in these days; who feel that their ship is sinking. We pray for those suffering in body, mind, or spirit, recalling especially in a moment of stillness, those known to us who are enduring life’s storms. We keep stillness for silent naming of those on our hearts and minds.

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

‘And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm.’

Jesus, speak your peace into those troubled lives we have recalled in the silence.

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

'He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?''

God, giver of the gift of faith, we pray for all those for whom the tide of faith has drawn low. We pray for the people at the edge of our congregations who have stepped back from church life in these past couple of years. We pray for those whose faith has been tested. Renew trust and hope in you for all of us. Restore belief in your Son; God with us, and enable us to search out, support and encourage the weak, that the tide of faith may turn and lift us up once more.

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

We pray for those recently departed:
Joyce Maud Jamieson

We pray for 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 Kingcome,

Martin Chubb, Desna Harries, Christobel Van der Hoeven, Leslie Corfield, Marjorie Addyman, Norman Sheldon, Christian Solari.

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

Merciful Father

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

So, in the presence of the Bread of Life who refused food for himself in order to nourish others, we deepen our devotion by praying His words:

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

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

We hail thy Presence glorious
O Christ our great high Priest
O'er sin and death victorious
At thy thanksgiving feast
As thou art interceding
For us in heaven above
Thy Church on earth is pleading
Thy perfect work of love

Through thee in every nation
Thine own their hearts upraise
Offering one pure Oblation

One Sacrifice of praise
With thee in blest communion
The living and the dead
Are joined in closest union
One Body with one Head

O living Bread from heaven
Jesu, our Saviour good
Who thine own self hast given
To be our souls' true food
For us thy body broken
Hung on the Cross of shame
This Bread its hallowed token
We break in thy dear name

O stream of love unending
Poured from the one true Vine
With our weak nature blending
The strength of life divine
Our thankful faith confessing
In thy life-blood outpoured
We drink this Cup of blessing
And praise thy name, O Lord

May we thy word believing
Thee through thy gifts receive
That, thou within us living
We all to God may live
Draw us from earth to heaven
Till sin and sorrow cease
Forgiving and forgiven
In love and joy and peace

Prayer of Adoration

Heaven is here, and earth and the
space between them is thin.
Distance may divide, but Christ's
promise unites those bounded by
time, those blessed by eternity.

Let heaven be glad;

Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Heaven is here, and earth, and the
Church above and below is one.

Peter is here, and Paul, Martha and
all the Mary's, the saints from far
back and those who left us not long
ago. And only sight prevents us
from seeing them, one with us on
the other side.

Let heaven be glad

Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Heaven is here, and earth, and the
God who made them is present.
The lamb, glorious on the throne,
sits beside us; the Spirit of God, the
Dove makes her resting place
among us.

God inhales the breath of our
prayers and spreads a table for our
satisfaction.

Let heaven be glad.

Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Blessing and honour and glory and
power be to our God for ever and
ever.

Amen!

The Invitation

He was always the guest. In the
homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha
and Mary, Joanna and Susanna. At
the meal tables of the wealthy where
he pleaded the case of the poor, he
was always the guest. Upsetting
polite company, befriending isolated
people; welcoming the stranger, he
was always the guest. But here, at
this table, He is the host. Those who
wish to serve Him must first be
served by Him, those who wish to
follow Him, must first be fed by Him,
those who would wash His feet,
must first let Him make them clean.

For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the time when God can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, a better life, a fairer world. Jesus Christ who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at His.

The Story

What we do here, we do in imitation of what Christ first did. To his followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command rooted in the experience he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

On the night when he was betrayed, as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it, he gave it to the disciples saying 'This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me.'

Later after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine and said 'This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me.'

So now, we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labour. In these Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.**

**Take and sanctify these gifts
for your honour, Lord.**

Knowing that I love and serve you

is enough reward.

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is indeed right for you made us, and before you made us you made the world we inhabit, and before the world you made the eternal home in which, through Christ we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfilment. And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus. For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him. Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now,

confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness. Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love:
holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
come and fill our hearts anew,
Holy Spirit.
And we lift our voice before you
as a token of our love,
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.**

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfils your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words weren't enough. Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer...

Merciful God, send now in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of Him whose food we now share. **Amen.**

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread and broke it, and said, 'This is my body—broken for you'. Later he took a cup

of wine and said 'This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take it, all of you, to remember me.' He whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

**Holy, holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love:
holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**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

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

Leave to thy God to order and provide;

In every change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly Friend

Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake

To guide the future as He has the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;

All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know

His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on

When we shall be forever with the Lord,

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Post Communion Collect

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Peace

Christ who has nourished us, is our peace. Strangers and friends, male and female, old and young. He has broken down the barriers to bind us to him and to each other. Having tasted His goodness, let us share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Peace is shared.

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us and encourage many by us. So Lord may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

Benediction

On our heads and our homes
The blessing of God
In our coming and going
The Peace of God
In our life and believing
The Love of God
Be with us all
Today until the end of time. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
Should set his love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,

To bring them back, they know not how or when.

But this I know, that he was born of Mary

When Bethl'em's manger was his only home,

And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,

And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
As with his peace he graced this place of tears,

Or how his heart upon the cross was broken,

The crown of pain to three and thirty years.

But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted

And stays our sin and calms our lurking fear

And lifts the burden from the heavy laden;

For still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,

How he will claim his earthly heritage,

How satisfy the needs and aspirations

Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.

But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,

And he shall reap the harvest he has sown,

And some glad day his sun will shine in splendour

When he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When at his bidding every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

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.

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