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ST LAURENCE CHURCH
THE PARISH EUCHARIST
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
6TH MARCH 2022

***Welcome to St Laurence,
whether you regularly worship
here or are here for the first
time. If you have children, they
are welcome to use the area at
the back of the church under
Parental supervision
There are toilet facilities at the
back of the church***

The Zoom details are:

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Introit Hymn

Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we your sorrow share
And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with you to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press,

Flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
Grant we may not faint nor fail!

So shall we have peace divine;
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us, too, shall angels shine,
Such as served You faithfully.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by your side,
That with you we may appear
At th'eternal Eastertide.

WE GATHER

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

*The Priest welcomes the
congregation and introduces the
theme of the Service.
(Silence is kept)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all
hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no
secrets are hidden:
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.**

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

*The Priest introduces the Prayer of
Penitence*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,
returned from the Jordan and was
led by the Spirit into the
wilderness, where for forty days he

was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

(Silence is kept)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

We say:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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 OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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**

Hymn

Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,

evermore be near thee!

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and

"On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

We stand to say

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

Prayers led by Stephen Ringer
(Please sit/kneel)

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace,

for wisdom, discernment and compassion

to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

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

Gracious God, you call us to worship today and remind us that Jesus refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured first, the time in the wilderness and ultimately the pain and suffering of the cross. Help us during our Lenten journey to fix our eyes on him and daily pick up our own crosses.

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

Holy God, we pray for all of our Lent activities here in Hawkhurst and for all of the special services and our Lent Course. May they all lead us together to a Holy Easter and a joyful celebration of the Resurrection.

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

Almighty God, Your son Jesus was offered all the kingdoms of the world and their authority and splendour if he would worship the devil rather than you. Help those who govern and rule those nations today to resist the temptation to use evil, violent and corrupt ways to bring about their personal desires rather than ruling with justice, mercy and benevolence.

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

Loving God, help us during this penitential season to follow the commands of Jesus and to fast cheerfully. May we demonstrate the joy of our Christian faith to all our family, friends and neighbours.

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

Merciful God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus can free us from our burdens and heal our bodies and spirits. We pray for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. We pray too for those suffering from addiction of any kind and ask that you help them to put the temptation of Satan and the world behind them.

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

Father God, we pray for all who have died; especially those who encouraged us in our faith by their

example. As we pray for them, may they in turn continue to pray for us that we may stay true to our faith.

The recently departed : Jean King
Those whose years' mind occur this month:

Spencer Charles Edwards,
Douglas Brown, Kathryn Louise Bembridge, William Bennett, Joseph William Ringer, Kitty Weguelin, William David Potter, Peter Lewis, Winifred Richard, Brian Lawrence, Lily Collins, Gillian Appelbe

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

Faithful God, you have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting, and works of mercy. When, during the coming weeks of Lent, we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in your love to help us through to the glories of Easter.

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

We stand and the Priest introduces the peace:

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace .

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

WE PRESENT OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea:
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing ev'ry blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know,
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

The bread and wine are placed on the altar.

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 our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

THE EUCHARIST PRAYER

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?

We give thanks for all that God has done for us.

God the Father created the heavens, the earth and everything in them; and created us in his own image.

Let us give thanks and praise

Christ our Lord became human like us, and died to save us.

Let us give thanks and praise

God sent the Holy Spirit to gather us together as the people of God

Let us give thanks and praise

So come let us join together to worship this God who loves

We sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in
the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in
the highest.**

Please sit/kneel

We praise you Father that before Jesus our Saviour suffered and died, he gave us this holy meal to share and told us to continue it until he comes again.

Why do we eat bread together at this table?

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Why do we drink from the cup together at this table?

In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup, saying. "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me"

What do we remember at this table?

We remember the Father's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

We sing:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made one with Christ and with one another.

Amen.

(Silence is kept)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 BREAD

***The Priest breaks the
consecrated bread, saying:***

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one
body, because we all share in one
bread.

We sing:

**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.**

**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.**

WE SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

**Hymn During Communion:
*(Please remain seated)***

Sweet sacrament divine,
hid in thy earthly home,
lo! Round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise,
in songs of love and heartfelt
praise,
sweet sacrament divine,
sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace,
dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease,
and sorrows all depart,
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery,
sweet sacrament of peace,
sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore,
save us, for still the tempest raves;
save, lest we sink beneath the
waves
sweet sacrament of rest,
sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,

in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we
pray,
that earthly joys may fade away,
sweet sacrament divine,
sweet sacrament divine.

Post-Communion Collect

Lord God, you have renewed us
with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase
our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your
mouth through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

WE GO IN CHRIST'S PEACE

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

*The Priest pronounces a
Blessing.*

Christ give you grace to grow in
holiness, to deny yourselves, take
up your cross, and follow him; and
the blessing ... **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please sit for the Notices

Recessional Hymn

Guide me, O thou great
Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;

Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.

Open thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream shall
flow;

Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer
Be thou still my strength and
shield.
Be thou still my strength and
shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's
destruction,

Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

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

AT YOUR SERVICE

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NOTICES

LENT LUNCHESES 2022 to be held at the Baptist Church, 12 Noon to 1.30pm organised by Hawkhurst Churches Together

Lunches will take place on the following dates:

Friday 18th March- Hosted by the Baptist Church

Friday 25th March- Hosted by the Methodist Church

Friday 1st April- Hosted by St Laurence Church

Friday 8th April- Hosted by St Barnabas Church

Good Friday 15th April- Hosted by All Churches together. The Good Friday lunch will take place after the Walk of Witness, which starts at 11:30am at St Barnabas Church.

All lunches will be held at the Baptist Church Hall, Cranbrook Rd, Hawkhurst. (There is a free car park behind the church.)

Proceeds to be shared between local charities.

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.

LENT STUDY - The study book we will be using this Lent is called " Lent with Saint Augustine".

Kindle Edition which is available for immediate download from Amazon for less than £10.

The film about St. Augustine we will be following is available free of charge on You tube. It is called " The restless heart." You can start watching it now!

We will be discussing this during Compline on Zoom on Wednesdays in Lent at from 6pm to 7pm. starting on March 9th.

EASTER LILIES – if you would like to purchase an Easter lily in remembrance of a loved one, please make a cheque payable to **St Laurence Flower Guild** and send it to Mrs Gwen Brown, Anescote, Stream Lane, Hawkhurst, Kent TN18 4RD.

The cost of a lily is **£3.50** and orders are required by **April 10th**.

Please also clearly print the person's name and give/send it to Gwen.