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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist
Service.

13. 3. 2022 - The Second
Sunday Lent, Year C

Please Note: The Zoom details
for this service are:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

Passcode: 5i1UCa

The wearing of face masks is now optional.

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

Welcome

Hymn

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient Church's
story,
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways.
From the fears that long have
bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring
madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish
gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

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

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Kyries - from the Ukranian Orthodox Church - sung by the Choir

Lord, Have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

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 Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 - Philippians

3:17—4:1 read by Bob Ash

Join with others in being imitators
of me, brothers and sisters,
and observe those who thus
conduct themselves
according to the model you have
in us.

For many, as I have often told you
and now tell you even in tears,
conduct themselves as enemies
of the cross of Christ.

Their end is destruction.

Their God is their stomach;
their glory is in their “shame.”

Their minds are occupied with
earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we also await a
saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body
to conform with his glorified body
by the power that enables him
also

to bring all things into subjection
to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and
sisters,
whom I love and long for, my joy
and crown,
in this way stand firm in the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hymn

How sweet the name of Jesus
sounds

in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our
wounds,

and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast;

'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian,
friend,

my Prophet, Priest, and King,

my Lord, my Life, my Way, my
End,

accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart,

how cold my warmest thought;

but when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought.

Till then I would your love
proclaim

with every fleeting breath;

and may the music of your name
refresh my soul in death.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of
eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that
today you would listen to his
voice. Harden not your hearts. cf
Psalm 95.3,8

Praise to you, O Christ, King of
eternal glory.

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 13:31-35

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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 the Vicar

Loving God, help us in our times of fear and worry; and constantly remind us of the reward of everlasting life that we can expect through faith in your son Jesus Christ. We continue to pray for Justin and Rose our bishops.

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

Almighty God, help us as a church to avoid the temptations of the world and dilute the Gospel message and to recognise that a watered-down gospel has tragic results which are eternal. May we all join in imitating St Paul, and live according to the example set to us by the life of Jesus.

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

Creator God, we pray for the world, its peoples and leaders, especially The Ukraine. Be with all those people who live in places troubled by disaster, natural or man-made. We thank you for all of the wonders of the world which belongs to you but was given into our care at the beginning of time. Help us to be good stewards, always mindful of the tragic consequences of our lack of care.

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

Father God, the psalmist tells us to “seek your face” in the people who we live amongst. May they too, as they look upon us, see something of you and of your son Jesus Christ shining from us. Make us always a beacon of faith as we live the gospel out in all our words and actions.

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

Merciful God we raise before you those we know and love who are ill or in need at this time and we pray for all who care for them at home or in hospital.

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

Gracious God, we pray for those who have died especially those who have died recently and for all who mourn their passing.. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Those recently departed: Jean King

And all 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**

Blessed God, as we go out into the world today help us to resist temptation, remembering that your son was tempted by the world and the devil but chose faithfulness over popularity, service above fame and sacrifice instead of power.

Merciful Father

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

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.

Hymn

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine.

Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart;
my zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide.
Bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,

blest Saviour, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

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

Gracious God, you long to gather your children as a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings. You have made the descendants of Abraham as many as the stars in the sky and the sands in the desert; and in your grace and mercy you have made us, too, children of your blessed, unbreakable covenant. In Jesus you have come among us in grace and truth; in his death we showed the depth of our departure from your ways; in his resurrection you demonstrate that nothing is impossible with you. And so as we gather at your altar like angels at your throne, joining the archangels as they continually sing anthems of heavenly 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.

God, our salvation, you have made us a people for your own possession, and we become yours as you become ours in the sharing of the meal of bread and cup. Send down your Holy Spirit, that these tokens of earthly sustenance and heavenly joy may be for us 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.**

God our stronghold, as we walk this Lenten journey through the wilderness with you, make this

eternal food enough to feed us through times of uncertainty and fear. Soften in us the impulse of greed, that as we share the bread of life, we may continue to understand the word “enough.” Shape our hearts to long for that day when you gather your children to yourself, and inspire us to make all who are created in your image our companions at this and other altars, until the day when all our hungers are satisfied and every friendship is fulfilled in the company of your Holy Trinity, through whom and with whom and in whom, all honour and glory are yours, now and forever.

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

Strengthen for service, Lord, the
hands
that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy
songs
to clamour never waken

Lord, may the tongues which
'Holy' sang
keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love be
bright,
thy blessed hope perceiving.

The feet that tread thy holy courts
from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy Body fed
with thy new life replenish.

Post - Communion Prayers

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

Almighty God, you see that we
have no power of ourselves to
help ourselves: keep us both
outwardly in our bodies, and
inwardly in our souls; that we may
be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which
may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

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

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

Hymn

In the cross of Christ I glory
towering over wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round his head sublime.
When earth's sorrows overtake
me,
hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me -
Christ shall bring me peace and
joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and life upon my way,
from the cross his radiance
streaming
adds more lustre to the day.
Joy and sorrow, pain and
pleasure
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there beyond all

measure
through the grace of Christ who
died.

At the cross I see defeated
all that makes my heart afraid.
Now is Christ in triumph seated;
every evil foe dismayed.
Satan chained and hell frustrated,
death destroyed and guilt
removed;
here my life is new-created
and the power of God is proved.

Once for all my sins are taken
in the sacrifice complete.
Never can my peace be shaken,
at the place where Christ I meet.
In the cross of Christ I glory
towering over wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round his head sublime.
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 Sunday.

LENT LUNCHEES 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.

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.

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.