



ST LAURENCE CHURCH
THE PARISH EUCHARIST
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
27TH MARCH 2022

MOTHERING SUNDAY

*Welcome to St Laurence,
whether you regularly worship
here or are here for the first time.*

Zoom details:

*Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
Passcode: 5i1UCa*

The wearing of masks is optional

INTROIT HYMN: (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

Hark, my soul, it is the Lord;
'tis thy Saviour, hear his word;
Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee,
'Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?

'I delivered thee when bound,
and, when wounded, healed thy wound;
sought thee wandering, set thee right,
turned thy darkness into light.

'Can a woman's tender care
cease towards the child she bare?

Yes, she may forgetful be,
yet will I remember thee.

'Mine is an
unchanging love,
higher than the
heights above,
deeper than the
depths beneath,
free and faithful, strong as death.



'Thou shalt see my glory soon,
when the work of grace is done;
partner of my throne shalt be:
say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?'
Lord, it is my chief complaint
that my love is weak and faint;
yet I love thee, and adore;
O for grace to love thee more!

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*

My brothers and sisters, as we
prepare to celebrate the
presence of Christ in word and
sacrament, let us call to mind
and confess our sins.

(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 sing:

**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:

God of compassion, whose Son
Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in
Nazareth, and on the cross drew
the whole human family to
himself: strengthen us in our
daily living that in joy and in
sorrow we may know the power
of your presence to bind together
and to heal; 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

(Please sit)

*Exodus 2.1-10 read by Alison
Jones*

Now a man from the house of Levi
went and married a Levite
woman. The woman conceived
and bore a son; and when she
saw that he was a fine baby, she
hid him for three months. When
she could hide him no longer she
got a papyrus basket for him, and
plastered it with bitumen and
pitch; she put the child in it and
placed it among the reeds on the
bank of the river. His sister stood
at a distance, to see what would
happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (PLEASE
STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)
'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and
bless
the unforgiving heart

that broods on wrongs and will
not let
old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your Cross
reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within
our souls
and bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of
love,
our lives will spread your peace.

THE GOSPEL READING
John 19:25-27

Speak, Lord, for your servant is
listening.

**You have the words of eternal
life.**

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Standing near the cross of Jesus
were his mother, and his mother's
sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,
and Mary Magdalene. When
Jesus saw his mother and the
disciple whom he loved standing
beside her, he said to his mother,
'Woman, here is your son.' Then
he said to the disciple, 'Here is
your mother.' And from that hour

the disciple took her into his own home.

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

SERMON

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 - LED BY ANNE WHEELHOUSE

Holy God, during Lent we come to you aware that we are not prepared for the awesome Easter message of Christ's suffering and death and his glorious victory of resurrection. So help us as we offer of intercession and thanksgiving to truly understand the tremendous gift of Easter.

Today on Mothering Sunday we give thanks for our Church and earthy families and especially pray for our Mother churches where we first got to know you and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

Loving God, we come before you today aware of how you call us to be like you. We remember that you made us in your own image

and that you gave to us mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, people to love, enjoy and work for and people to pray for and we are thankful.

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

As we think about our family, help us to remember our own sinfulness before you and how you forgive it and so make us, within our families and the wider world, to be messengers of your reconciling love.

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

Merciful God, we pray for those who are in need of a healing touch today; We pray for Robbie Robinson, Gillian Robinson, Don Buckle, Ivor Hatcher, Steven Stone

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

We pray for children who are hungry; for families threatened by war or insurrection; for the sister who is very ill; for the father who soon will be dwelling in your kingdom; for the prodigal who left home in haste leaving behind uncertain parents; for the mother who is living in a house of fear especially as the war continues in Ukraine.

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

Everlasting God, we remember before you those who brought us into this world, raised and cherished us and made us what we are today, especially those who we love but see no longer, and we ask that you be close to all those who are grieving today over the loss of a loved one.

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

We pray for those recently departed: Francianne Vaughan
We pray for 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**

Saving God, our heart-felt prayer today, is but this, bless our family, and help us be a blessing to it. Touch all those who are mothers to us or to others. Anoint with your healing goodness our brothers and our sisters, smile upon our children and help them to grow.

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.
We Share God's Peace**

We stand to sing

**Shalom, Shalom,
May peace be with you,
Throughout your days;
In all that you do,
May peace be with you,
Shalom, Shalom.
(Repeat)**

**OFFERTORY HYMN (PLEASE
STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)**

Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was
fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her
through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's
redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's
apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own
being,

manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was
done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home
virgin Mother, Mary blessed
raised on high and crowned with
grace,
may your Son, the world's
redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

*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.**

Cradling God, we thank and
praise you because like a mother
you brought all things into being.
Through trial and truth-telling
touch and tenderness you
nurtured a people and led them in
the ways of justice and peace.
When the time came for you to
dwell among us in faith and blood,
your Holy Spirit called a woman to
the godbearer, that in her we may
behold that our bodies could bring
forth your glory. And so we join
with angels and archangels and
all the household of heaven to
sing of your eternal joy

**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.**

Redeeming God, you called a
woman to be closest to your Son

at the moment of his nativity, at
the place of crucifixion and in the
wonder of his resurrection. Like a
mother hen gathering her chicks
you draw the weary, the lost and
the betrayed to the abundant
table of your kingdom. Send your
Holy Spirit on your church, that it
may radiate gladness as its
destiny with you.

By that same Spirit, sanctify this
bread and this cup that they may
be for us the body and blood of
our Lord 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.**

Yearning God, bless every
mother who gives and does not
count the cost, who toils and does
not seek for rest, who labours and
does not ask for any reward, save

that of knowing that she does your will. Visit and heal the sadness of those who whose calling to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Transfigure the distress of any who whose experience of raising a child has meant a sword has pierced their own heart. Come close to all who find they cannot look upon a parent with either gratitude or grace. Hasten the day when the holy city descends like a bride prepared for you, when all desires are known and from you no secrets are hid, ever living, ever giving God, Trinity of mercy and love.

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.**

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)

Lord Jesus Christ
You have come to us
You are one with us
Mary's Son

Cleansing our souls from all their sin
Pouring Your love and goodness in
Jesus, our love for you we sing
Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray
Son of God
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance Lord of you
Into our lives your power breaks through
Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ
You have come to us
Born as one with us
Mary's Son
Led out to die on Calvary
Risen from death to set us free
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord

Lord Jesus Christ
I would come to you
live my life for you
Son of God
All your commands I know are true
Your many gifts will make me new
Into my life your power breaks through
Living Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the

food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Please sit for the Notices

The flowers are placed on the altar to be blessed by the Vicar. They are then distributed to the children who take them to their mothers and grandmothers.

WE GO IN CHRIST'S PEACE

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Priest pronounces a Blessing.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs, sustain us day by day. May the Lord whose steadfast love, is constant as a mother's care, send us out to live and work for others. And the blessing....

We respond **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: (PLEASE
STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

Ye who own the faith of Jesus,
sing the wonders that were done
when the love of God the Father
over sin the victory won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary,
full of grace.

Blessed were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come;
blessed was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessed far the mother,
she who bare him in her womb.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary,
full of grace.

Wherefore let all faithful people
tell the honour of her name;
let the Church, in her
foreshadowed,
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's mother sang in
gladness
let Christ's people sing the same.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary,
full of grace.

Let us weave our supplications,
she with us and we with her,
for the advancement of the
faithful,
for each faithful worshiper,
for the doubting, for the sinful,
for each heedless wanderer.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary,
full of grace.

May the Mother's intercessions
on our homes a blessing win,
that the children all be prospered,
strong and fair and pure within,
following our Lord's own
footsteps,
firm in faith and free from sin.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary,
full of grace.

For the sick and the aged,
for our dear ones far away,
for the hearts that mourn in
secret,
all who need our prayers today,
for the faithful gone before us,
may the holy Virgin pray.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary,
full of grace.

Praise, O Mary, praise the
Father,
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
who hath made thee ark and
throne
o'er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the Three in One.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary,
full of grace.

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

**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.

LENT LUNCHESES 2022 -12 Noon to 1.30pm organised by Hawkhurst Churches Together.

Lunches will take place on the following dates:

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." We will be discussing this during Compline on Zoom on Wednesdays in Lent at from 6pm to 7pm.

REFUGEES FROM THE UKRAINE - There have been

various enquiries as to how we, as a community, are going to support the refugees from the Ukraine. If individuals are interested in providing accommodation they need to register with the government website - **Homes for Ukraine**. The Church is looking at how we can all work together and the Church of England has produced a toolkit. In addition we, as a Church, are registering an interest on the **Sanctuary Foundation website**. We have also liaised with the Clerk of the Parish Council who has put the issue on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting. He is also liaising with the formal routes via the TWBC.

In addition we have contacted the other churches in Hawkhurst. In this way, when we know what may be required we can take a joined up approach to optimise how best we can be a welcoming and supportive community. We need to have a critical mass of refugees coming to the village to take this approach. As soon as we have more information relating to this and how you can become involved, if you wish to, we will let you know. Please speak to Clare Roberts.

BABYCCINO CAKE SALE FOR UKRAINE - This coming Thursday, 31st March we will be holding a cake sale and baby clothes/equipment in aid of Ukraine. **CALLING ALL CAKE MAKERS** – if you would like to provide a cake for the mothers to buy at the Babyccino Café (or you would like to come along for a cup of coffee and a chat) please put your cake on the table at the side of the church on Wednesday. Alternatively bring it with you when you come on Thursday. We would also be grateful for jams and chutneys, biscuits etc to sell.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES – 2022

PALM SUNDAY - 10TH. APRIL 2022

**8AM. - HOLY COMMUNION
(BCP)**

**10AM. PALM SUNDAY
EUCARIST STARTING AT
THE 8 BELLS PUB WITH THE
BLESSING OF PALMS**

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

**7.30PM (ZOOM) - THE
SERVICE OF COMPLINE WITH
A SHORT ADDRESS**

MAUNDY THURSDAY 14TH.APRIL 2022

**8PM. HOLY EUCARIST
INCLUDING THE WASHING OF
FEET, THE STRIPPING OF THE
ALTARS AND THE WATCH AT
THE ALTAR OF REPOSE**

GOOD FRIDAY 15TH.APRIL 2022

**9AM. MORNING PRAYER
(BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER)**

**9.30 AM GOOD FRIDAY
LITURGY**

HOLY SATURDAY 16TH. APRIL 2022

**6PM. EVENING PRAYER
AROUND THE GARDEN OF
REMEMBRANCE**

EASTER SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2022

**8AM. HOLY COMMUNION
INCLUDING THE RENEWAL OF
BAPTISMAL VOWS**

**10AM. EASTER SUNDAY
EUCARIST INCLUDING THE
BLESSING THE EASTER
CANDLE, THE SINGING OF
THE EXULTET AND THE
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL
VOWS.**