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St. Laurence Parish Church  
Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist  
Service.

22. 5. 2022 - The Sixth Sunday  
of Easter , 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.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET  
HOME WITH YOU**

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**Welcome**

**Hymn** (Please stand if you are able)

God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of your face.  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;  
fill your Church with light divine,  
and your saving health extend  
to the earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord!  
Be by all that live adored.

Let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Saviour-King;  
at your feet their tribute pay,  
and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord,  
then enjoy your rich reward!  
God to us his blessing give,  
we to God devoted live,  
all below and all above  
one in joy and light and love.  
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 (Sung)**  
**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**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 - Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 read by Scott Henderson**

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations.

But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but

only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.

On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

### **Thanks be to God**

#### **Hymn** (Please stand if you are able)

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts  
ev'rywhere  
their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord

close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the  
faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and  
west,  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are joined as  
one  
throughout the whole wide earth.

#### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever loves me will keep my  
word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him and  
we will come to him.

#### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

#### **And also with you**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to John  
**Glory to Christ our Lord**

Jesus answered him, "Those who  
love me will keep my word, and  
my Father will love them, and we  
will come to them and make our  
home with them.

Whoever does not love me does  
not keep my words; and the word  
that you hear is not mine, but is  
from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you  
while I am still with you.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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 Sue Maskell

Everlasting God, you made the world and everything in it, we pray

with one voice, proclaiming your presence to all the earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you and give thanks for all wonders of your marvellous creation.

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

We pray for our Bishops Justin and Rose that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit. We pray for the Church, both here in Hawkhurst and worldwide that we may go forward together in unity and strength. Help us to respect the beliefs of others even if we do not share them, to celebrate what we have in common and to accept our differences. Guide us all in our ministries as we live each day.

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

Creator God, we pray for governments and world leaders, for captains of industry and workers; for inventors and technicians, for entertainers and audiences. For those who set the targets at work, in education and training and in the pews. For all who are powerful, that they may be guided by the Spirit of Truth that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. We continue to pray

for an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine.

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

Loving God, we pray for Elizabeth, our Queen in this her Jubilee year. We pray for all members of the Royal family as they support her in her ministry

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

Father God, we pray for our family and colleagues, friends and lovers, for neighbours and strangers; For those with whom we break bread at home, at work, in the community, and in our church; For all who grow, harvest and prepare the food we eat and for those who cook it and serve it; For all who share with the less fortunate through foodbanks and charities

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

Merciful God, we pray for all those who have been ill for so long that it has become part of their life. Help them and those who care for them to see all the possibilities that life still holds despite their disabilities and to make the most of all the wonderful aids that are now available to help people lead enjoyable and fulfilled lives. We

pray for Robbie Robinson, Gillian Robinson, Eleanor Ash  
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful God, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall.

Those recently departed: Roy Melham

And all those whose years' mind occur this month: Simon Edwards, Davis Cutmore, Stella Keaney, Alfred Scrivener, Anthony Smith, Sheila Pope, Thomas Weguelin, Henry Husey, Joscelyn Thompson, Grace Parsons, Albert Richard, Mark Webber, Heather Murphy, David Wood, Robert Botha, Vera Boulton, Ione McEwen, Sylvia Parkinson.

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

Gracious God, help us in the power your Holy Spirit to make your way become known upon earth and your saving power among all nations.

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

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim in all that we do and say.

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

### The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

### Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,  
'To be exalted thus';  
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,  
'For he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive

Honour and power divine;  
And blessings, more than we can  
give,  
Be, Lord, for ever thine.  
The whole creation joins in one  
To bless the sacred name  
Of him that sits upon the throne,  
And to adore the Lamb.

### **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**

We lift our hearts in praise to you,  
God of glory, because in every  
time and place you have shown  
yourself to your people and  
revealed your purpose to dwell  
with them always. In the  
wilderness you made your place  
of dwelling in a tabernacle. In  
Jerusalem the temple became a  
theatre of encounter with you. In  
Jesus your Son you came among  
us making your home in human  
flesh. In his death he faced the  
consequences of our sin and in  
his resurrection he made possible  
an everlasting home for us at your  
right hand. You have prepared for  
us a holy city of heavenly lights  
where we will dwell with you  
forever. So with angels and  
archangels we join the praises  
sung for evermore in that eternal  
city

**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.**

Lord God Almighty, from your throne flows the river of life. Fed from that river, your tree of life bears fruit for the healing of the nations. Nourish your church in this sacred meal, that the bread and wine we receive may be poured through us as life abundant.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, make your church a healing balm in places of suffering and sorrow. 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 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.**

Revealing God, whose radiance is all holiness, make your face to shine upon us that we may be saved. Look with mercy upon those who turn to you in hope and long for peace the world cannot give.

Hold in your light of compassion every troubled heart that waits for the dawn of your one eternal day. Shine with the fullness of your love into every fear-filled soul and make yourself known to all who long to see you face to face; until that hour when night is no more and there is no need of lamp or sun, when you will be our light and when in your eternal radiance you shall reign for ever ever, one 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**

There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God,  
Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus

*Thank You, O my Father  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til  
Your work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God,  
Messiah, O for sinners slain.

Chorus

*Thank You, O my Father  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til  
Your work on earth is done.*

When I stand in glory  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve  
My King forever,  
In that holy place.

Chorus

*Thank You, O my Father  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til  
Your work on earth is done.*

### **Post - Communion Prayers**

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who 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**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Notices**

**Hymn** (Please stand if you are able)

City of God, how broad and far  
outspread thy walls sublime!

The true thy chartered freemen  
are  
of every age and clime.

One holy Church, one army  
strong;  
one steadfast, high intent;  
one working band, one harvest  
song,  
one King omnipotent.

How purely hath thy speech come  
down  
from man's primeval youth!  
How grandly hath thine empire  
grown  
of freedom, love and truth!

How gleam thy watch fires  
through the night  
with never fainting ray!  
How rise thy towers, serene and  
bright,  
to meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock,  
in vain the drifting sands;  
unharm'd upon the eternal Rock  
the eternal City stands

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.**

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### **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.

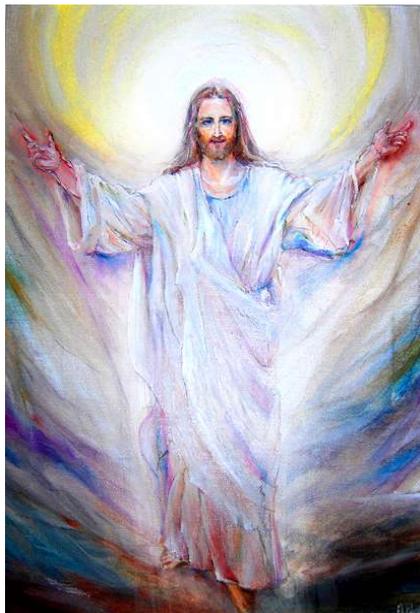
**VILLAGE FETE** ~ we at St Laurence Church will be running the Tea Stall at the Village Summer Fete, (in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee) on **Saturday 4th June**. We need volunteers to serve the tea as well as donations of cakes, please. We will need 2/3 people all the time, from 12noon to 5pm. A sign-up sheet is available on the notice table - please sign if you are able to help and indicate if you are able to donate cake. **For further details speak to Sandra 754459**

**HOLY EUCHARIST FOR ASCENSION DAY Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30 a.m. followed by croissants and coffee.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE JUBILEE SERVICE for the Queen** ~ at the Parish Eucharist at 10am the preacher will be Dame Mary Tanner D.B.E.

# **HOLY EUCHARIST** **on ASCENSION DAY**



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Please join us at  
7.30 a.m.

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