



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
HAWKHURST**

**THE PARISH EUCHARIST
SERVICE CELEBRATED IN CELTIC
STYLE**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
YEAR C
19. 6. 2022**



The Zoom details for this service are:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

Passcode: 5i1UCa

Wearing masks is now optional.
Thank you.

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,

in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

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

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully

accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.**

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you

And also with you

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for 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 led by Mary Tanner

Everlasting God, we thank you for the Good News we have been given; help us to remember that is not just for us, but to pass on to the rest of the world.

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

Creator God, we pray for all who have influence and authority, through their political standing, fame or wealth; speak into their hearts of righteousness and justice, integrity and compassion.

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

Serving God, we pray for Elizabeth, our Queen and her Government and for wisdom for all in authority, we pray for guidance in ways of justice and peace and that all may honour one another and serve the common good. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Father God, as the holiday season builds up once again, we pray for the thousands of families who go on holiday. May they enjoy themselves, and enjoy each other. May their visits bring not only pleasure, but restoration and healing into their lives.

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

Loving God, we raise before you those in need of comfort and reassurance; all in pain and mental anguish. We pray for those who have lapsed in their faith, those troubled with doubt, and those who need your Good News this week.

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

Merciful God, have mercy on those who have recently died and those who are on that last journey now. May those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace.

For those recently departed: Lionel Cutting

For those whose years' mind falls at this time:

Emily Arnold, Leila Philips, Colin Patterson, Marguerite Dunlop, Sheila Davis, Patsy Horner, Sandy Jones, Leslie Parsons, Norman French, Peter Maugham, Scarlett Reader, Ronald Poole, Ray Phillips, David William Potter, Lewis Waghorn

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

Faithful God, we thank you for the Good News we have received; may we be ready during the coming week and beyond to share our joy with others.

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)
Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is,
none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

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

Updated C.E. guidance states that Holy Communion should now be offered in both kinds, unless there are clear and objective reasons not to do so. It has been decided to offer Holy Communion in both kinds and to advise those who do not wish to receive the wine to indicate this by raising their hand when offered it.

Communion Hymn

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you

Refrain- *You alone are my strength,
my shield*

*To you alone will my spirit yield
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship you*

I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye

Refrain

You're my friend and you are my
Father
Even though you are my King
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything

Refrain

Post Communion Collect

**Eternal Father, we thank you for
nourishing us with these**

heavenly gifts: may our
communion strengthen us in
faith, build us up in hope, and
make us grow in love; for the
sake of 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

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing ...

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

To God be the glory!
Great things He hath done!
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life
an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate
that all may go in.

Refrain- Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son:
And give Him the glory!
Great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of
God;
The vilest offender who truly
believes,
That moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher,
and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture,
when Jesus we see.

Refrain

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.

Notices

Organ Voluntary

We listen to the 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
Sunday.

CELEBRATION PICNIC – in
celebration of the 65th rededication
of St Laurence Church, following
damage caused by bombing, we will
be holding a picnic from 12.15 pm
on **Sunday 26th June** in the back
churchyard.

No need to bring food as the
wonderful Social Committee will be

preparing a fantastic feast for us.
There will also be Pimms, wine, soft
drinks and draft beer.

For catering purposes, tickets will
need to be purchased **TODAY** 19th
June. They will be available from Ali
Jones in church or telephone her on
01580 755705 to reserve your
tickets.

Raffle tickets will be on sale. There
are five brilliant vouchers to be won
and proceeds will be shared
between Demelza House and St
Laurence church.

TICKET PRICES for 26th June

£12.00 per adult
£6.00 per child under 11.
£30.00 for a family ticket (two
adults and two children)

**DEANERY BRING AND SHARE
PICNIC FOLLOWED BY
EVENSONG IN CHURCH** - on
Saturday 30th July, 2022

Picnic at 3.30pm in The Vicarage
Garden, Marden, followed by
Evensong at 6.30pm in St. Michael
and All Angels Church, Marden.
Those attending should bring a
chair or rug to sit on.