



**ST LAURENCE CHURCH,
HAWKHURST**

**FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION
SERVICE
7.8.2022**

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY**

ZOOM DETAILS:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

Passcode: 5i1UCa

The sidespeople today are:
Norma Cox and Diana Ringer

WELCOME

*The Vicar welcomes the
congregation*

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

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

Refrain You alone are my
strength ,my shield
To you alone may 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 are my friend and you are
my brother

Even though you are king
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything.

Refrain

CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, risen master and
triumphant Lord, we come to
you in sorrow for our sins, and
confess to you our weakness
and unbelief. We have lived by
our own strength, and not by the
power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our
own eyes, as faithless and not
believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world
alone, and doubted our home in
heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

May the Father forgive us by the death and resurrection of his Son, and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. **Amen**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

We pray together:

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, Chapter twelve beginning at the thirty second verse

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.

For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said, "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?" And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property.

But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place

with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master's will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ
HYMN (please stand if you are able)

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place

He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH LED BY CLAIRE ROBERTS

Everlasting God, we give thanks for this new day and as we gather here to worship you we pray that we might be so filled with joy through our belief in you that our hearts overflow with love for you and for all who we meet along our journey.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Holy God, give your wisdom and heavenly grace to all bishops, and priests and deacons, especially Bishops Justin and Rose, and to all others who hold office in your church, that, by their service, faith may abound and your kingdom increase.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Loving God, we continue to pray for all gathered together at the Lambeth Conference, that by the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit, they be give a right judgement in all things.

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

Creator God, in this uncertain time as the war between Russia and Ukraine continues, drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth, restore our passion for what is good and right and give to our leaders wisdom and sensitivity to work for unity and the common good so that our children and grandchildren might enjoy the kind of European peace which our generation has known. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Father God, we pray that, in our communities, all will be welcome and accepted regardless of nationality, colour or status and that we will seek always to serve God in one another

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

Merciful God, we pray that all those who seek healing of body, mind or spirit will be touched by the loving hand of God and know his peace and his presence alongside them each and every step of their journey. We pray for Gillian Robinson, Robbie

Robinson, Eleanor Ash

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

Gracious God, and Lord of Life, look in mercy on the departed that they may see your salvation and find their peace and final rest in you: We pray for those recently departed:

and for those whose years' mind occur at this time: Olivia Mason, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Douglas Nurney, Eric Warren, Gordon Garwood -Warren, William Livermore, Gerald Abbey, Frederick Skeet.

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

God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear these prayers we offer you in his name. By the power of your Holy Spirit work within us and among us to bring your kingdom values into this world. Let your will be done so that all people may live only for your praise and glory

Almighty God, we pray for ourselves; as we go from your house today to start the week ahead, we ask that in all we do, we may walk more closely with you at our side safe in the knowledge that your fatherly love and care knows no bound

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)**

HYMN (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

A collection will be made during the singing of this hymn

I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me shall not hunger;

he who believes in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

Refrain *And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and he who eats of this bread, he shall live for ever, he shall live for ever.

Refrain

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.

Refrain

I am the resurrection, I am the life.

He who believes in me even if he die, he shall live for ever.

Refrain

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world.

Refrain

THE EUCHARISTIC 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 him 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

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.**

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.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

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.

The Distribution of Communion
Updated C of 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.

**The chalice bearers today are:
Kent Harries and Peter Hodges**

COMMUNION HYMN

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be 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 sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken
holy things; may the ears
which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and
dispute; may the tongues
which have sung your praise
be free from deceit; may the
eyes which have seen the
tokens of your love shine with
the light of hope; and may the
bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed
with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. 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 ...**Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Saviour's
blood?
Died He for me, who caused
His pain?
For me, who Him to death
pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die
for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die
for me!

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal
dies!

Who can explore His strange
design?

In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love
divine!

'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no
more. [*Refrain*]

He left His Father's throne
above,

So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless
race;

'Tis mercy all, immense and
free;

For, O my God, it found out me.
[Refrain]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's
night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning
ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed
with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was
free;
I rose, went forth and followed
Thee. *[Refrain]*

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness
divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal
throne,
And claim the crown, through
Christ my own. *[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.**

PARISH LUNCH will be served
in church on Sunday 18th
September cooked by the
Ringer Family. A hot meal will be
provided with vegan option and
wine included. If you are able to
offer a dessert please speak to
Diana.

Adults £8, Under 12 £4, Under 5
free. Families by negotiation!

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST at
Bowles Lodge ~ 10.00a.m.
Please do join us.

COFFEE AFTER CHURCH - If
possible, bring your own coffee
cups/mugs to church on
Sunday.

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