

St. Laurence Parish Church,
Hawkhurst in the Diocese of
Canterbury

14.8.2022 - The Festival
Eucharist for St. Laurence,
Archdeacon and Martyr 258
A.D., including the baptism
of Eliana Holly Hatcher

The Sidesmen today are
Charles Vernede and Sarah
Vernede

The Zoom details for this
service are:
Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
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**As we gather and prepare to
join in worship, music is played
on the organ.**

WELCOME

O Word of simple wonder
which the prophets voices tell!
Hope divine was born of Mary
in this sacrament to dwell;
born of grace and holy virtue
God is here, Emmanuel.

Holy One, and our Redeemer
under judgement of the law;
still he comes his goodness
showing

truth and beauty to restore;
now as heirs, in blessed
freedom,
Blood and Body we adore!

For thy saints O Lord, we thank
you
in the faith which they profess;
Through their love and work and
witness
which inspires us to confess;
You O Jesus Christ, are our Lord
ever to be served and adored.
Word made flesh to dwell among
us,
perfect love in him is found;
fullness of the Father's glory,
light and loveliness abound.
Let us now in silence worship
O what mystery profound!

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

St. Laurence was faithful unto death and now dwells in the heavenly kingdom for ever. As we celebrate his joy, let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses, and ask for his mercy.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver from all your sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We sing:

Gloria in Excelsis

***Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.***

**Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on
earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
*Glory to God***

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of
the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right
hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

Glory to God

**For you alone are the Holy
One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
*Glory to God***

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who made St. Laurence a loving servant of your people and a wise steward of the treasures of your Church: fire us with his example to love as he loved and to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; 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

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 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 read by Rachel Elliott

Brothers and sisters:

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need,

you may have an abundance for every good work.

As it is written:

He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures forever.

The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see their God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King;

Still to the lowly soul
Himself He will impart,
and for His dwelling and His throne
chooses the pure in heart.

Lord, we Your presence seek —
we ask this blessing, too;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for You.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever follows me will not walk
in darkness
but will have the light of life, says
the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to John

Glory to Christ our Lord

Gospel - John 12:24-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the
ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much
fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this
world
will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow
me,
and where I am, there also will my
servant be.

The Father will honour whoever
serves me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ

The Reflection

Hymn

Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit
cleansed by the blood of Christ
our king;
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise -
faithfully now God's praise we
sing.

Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our
king;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven
thankfully now God's praise we
sing.

**The Baptism of Eliana Holly
Hatcher**

Baptised in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our
king;
born of one Father,
we are his children -
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

**The Prayers led by Anne
Wheelhouse**

As we give thanks for our patron
saint Laurence, we pray for
strength to follow Jesus.
Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Unless you change and become humble like little children, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Happy are the humble they will receive what God has promised.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Be merciful as your Father is merciful; love your enemies and do good to them.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Love one another, as I love you; there is no greater love than this, to lay down your life for your friends.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Go to people everywhere and make them my disciples, and I will be with you always, to the end of time.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

We pray for all who suffer, especially those suffering from Corona virus, and for those who care for them

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

We pray for all recently departed, for those whose years' mind occur at this time, and for all departed benefactors of our parish. We pray for those recently departed:

Carol Anne Larkin

We pray for those who's years mind occurs this month: Olivia Mason,

Kevin Fitzpatrick, Douglas Nurney, Eric Warren, Gordon Garwood-Warren, William Livermore, Gerald Abbey, Frederick Skeet.

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Merciful Father

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

The Peace Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ

Jesus we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's
blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you

And also with you.

Hymn

Will you come and follow me if I
but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown?

Will you let my Name be known?

Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind if I
but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in
you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but
call your name?

Will you set the prisoner free and
never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and
do such as this unseen?

And admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?

Will you love the 'You' you hide if
I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and
never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and
sound in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes
true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and
never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your
love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow in
you and you in me?

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.

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 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

It is indeed right and good that we should give you thanks, praise and glory, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles, evangelists and martyrs to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone, he founded his Church upon the apostles firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven. And so with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of 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 redeemer, on our journey with you you turn us from your burden into carriers of one another's burdens. On the way you feed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation. Now send down your Holy Spirit that we may made holy as you are holy and that these gifts of the earth and human hands 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.**

Merciful God, in Jesus, through story, miracle and example you turn us and all creation upside down. Direct our hearts in the ways we should go, visit the downtrodden and set them on their feet again, and restore the land, the sea and air of your creation, that all things and creatures and people may fulfil their created purpose in reflecting your glory and singing your praise, until the day when you are all in all, in union with Christ, ever one God.

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.

**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.

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.

The Distribution of Communion

**The Chalice bearers today are:
Peggy Stone and Alison
Parsons**

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.

Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it.
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith: what joy unknown,
when amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Eternal God, who gave us this holy meal in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross and the victory of your martyr Laurence, by our communion with Christ in his saving death and resurrection give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil and so to share the fruit of the tree of life; 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**

Banns

Notices

The Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. **Amen.**

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you

may work for justice, freedom and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. **Amen.**

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness dread, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old

and win with them the victor's
crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship
divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory
shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are
thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the
warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant
triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and
arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in
the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors
cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the
blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo! there breaks a yet more
glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright
array;
the King of glory passes on his
way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from
ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in
the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy

Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

NOTICES

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

**THE BOOK OF COMMON
PRAYER SERVICE** – the PCC
have decided after much
reflection, to not continue using
the Book of Common Prayer
Service at 10.00a.m. on the fourth
Sunday of the month.
If you wish to be part of a Book of

Common Prayer Service it is held at 8.00 a.m. every Sunday morning.

DATES OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 10th September – **Ride and Stride** organized by The Friends of Kent Churches. We are looking for participants (and then sponsors). Please see Sandra for sponsor forms and further details if you wish to participate. The Friends of Kent Churches gave St Laurence a grant last year towards the handrail to the Church office. 50% of all sponsorship money raised goes to St Laurence Church with the other 50% going to the Friends of Kent Churches. Last year's Kent Ride & Stride raised **£135,042** including gift aid. There were over 850 riders and walkers, who visited an average of 12 churches each. Since it started, Ride & Stride has raised over £3 million.

Saturday 1st October – Harvest Supper and Quiz night

Sunday 2nd October – Harvest Festival

Saturday 26th November – Concert by The Bodiam Concert Band

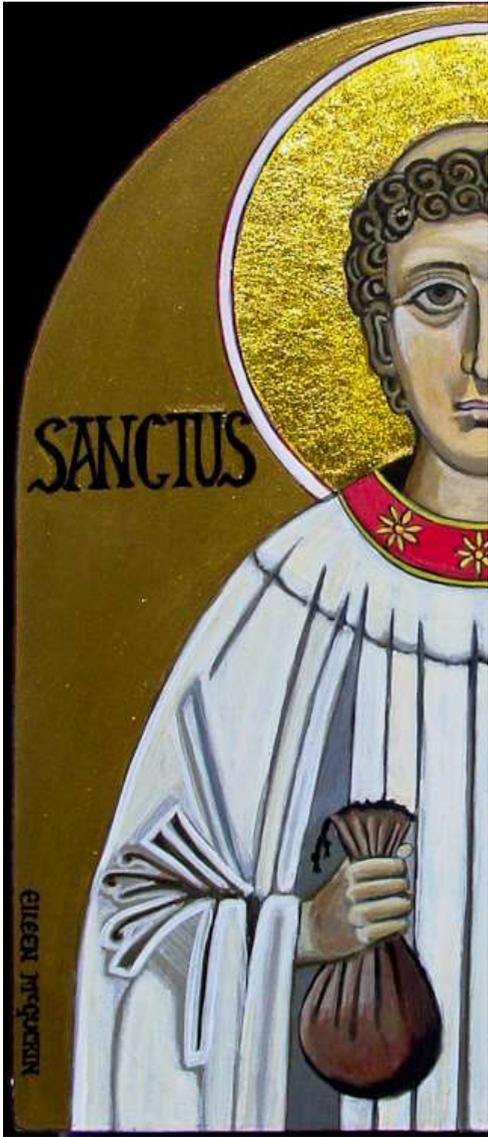
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