

St. Laurence Parish
Church, Hawkhurst in
the Diocese of
Canterbury
The Eleventh Sunday
after Trinity -
28.8.2022

The Sidesmen today are Gwen
Brown and Pauline Thorn

The Zoom details for this service
are:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
Passcode: 5i1UCa

As we gather and prepare to join
in worship, music is played on the
organ.

WELCOME

Hymn

The kingdom of God is justice and
joy;

For Jesus restores what sin would
destroy.

God's power and glory in Jesus
we know;

And here and hereafter the
kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and
grace;

The captives are freed, the
sinners find place,

The outcast are welcomed God's
banquet to share;

And hope is awakened in place of
despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge
and choice:

Believe the good news, repent
and rejoice!

God's love for us sinners brought
Christ to his cross:

Our crisis of judgement for gain or
for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift
and the goal;

In Jesus begun, in heaven made
whole.

The heirs of the kingdom shall
answer his call;

And all things cry "Glory!" to God
all in all.

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

As we prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries, 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

***Gloria to God, Gloria to God,
Gloria 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.

Gloria 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.

Gloria 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.

Gloria to God

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing

mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 - Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a read by Robin Crowther

Brothers and sisters:

You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness

and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard

begged that no message be further addressed to them.

No, you have approached Mount Zion

and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,

and countless angels in festal gathering,

and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven,

and God the judge of all,

and the spirits of the just made perfect,

and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,

and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,

"My God and King!"

The heav'ns are not too high,

God's praise may thither fly;

the earth is not too low,

God's praises there may grow.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,

"My God and King!"

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,

"My God and King!"

The church with psalms must shout:
no door can keep them out.
But, more than all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in ev'ery corner
sing,
"My God and King!"

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 Luke

Glory to Christ our Lord

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine
at the home of one of the leading
Pharisees,
and the people there were
observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who
had been invited,
noticing how they were choosing
the places of honour at the table.
"When you are invited by
someone to a wedding banquet,
do not recline at table in the place
of honour.

A more distinguished guest than
you may have been invited by
him,
and the host who invited both of
you may approach you and say,
'Give your place to this man,'
and then you would proceed with
embarrassment
to take the lowest place.

Rather, when you are invited,
go and take the lowest place
so that when the host comes to
you he may say,
'My friend, move up to a higher
position.'

Then you will enjoy the esteem of
your companions at the table.
For every one who exalts himself
will be humbled,
but the one who humbles himself
will be exalted."

Then he said to the host who
invited him,
"When you hold a lunch or a
dinner,
do not invite your friends or your
brothers
or your relatives or your wealthy
neighbours,
in case they may invite you back
and you have repayment.
Rather, when you hold a banquet,
invite the poor, the crippled, the
lame, the blind;

blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.

For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ

The Reflection

The Nicene Creed

**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 Peter Wyllie**

Friends in Christ, God, invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbours as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

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

Almighty God, we pray for your church here in Hawkhurst. We ask for your blessing on our work as we seek to create a church community that welcomes the stranger, provides a refuge for those who feel threatened or alone and a place where everyone feels that they belong.

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

Father in heaven, we pray for people of every race and belief, and in every kind of need: make your ways known on earth, your saving power among nations. We pray especially for peace between Russia and Ukraine.

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

Father God, take control of our mouths and forgive us for careless, thoughtless, and angry words used against our family,

friends and neighbours. Let our words always bless you and others and may our actions speak of love for you and your Son Jesus Christ. Help us to see each individual as uniquely made in your image and worthy of our love and respect. Show your love through our lives in some small way today

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

Gracious God, we pray for all who suffer, whether their suffering is physical or spiritual. We pray for Robbie Robinson, Gillian Robinson, Eleanor Ash, Colin White. And we ask you to support all who give their strength, their skill and their stamina in a ministry of healing.

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

Merciful God, we pray for those who have gone before us to that place where flesh and spirit part. May they rest in your love and peace, surrounded by the heavenly host and reunited with loved ones.

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

We pray for all recently departed: Carol Anne Larkin. Eunice Botha

We pray for those whose years
mind occurs this month: Olivia
Mason, Kevin Fitzpatrick,
Douglas Nurney, Eric Warren,
Gordon Garwood-Warren,
William Livermore, Gerald Abbey,
Frederick Skeet.

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

Mighty God, grant that the words
we have heard during our time of
worship may be grafted onto our
hearts through your grace, that
they may produce in us the fruits
of a good life, in praise and
honour of your Holy Name

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

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

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

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

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God
Almighty!

Early in the morning our song
shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and
mighty!

God in three persons, blessed
Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints
adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling
down before thee,

which wert and art and evermore
shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the
darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinful man thy
glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none
beside thee,

perfect in pow'r, in love, and
purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God
Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy
name in earth, and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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

Exalted above all is your name, God of Jacob, for you feed your people, not only for today but for eternity, with your food that truly satisfies, When your people hungered, you longed to feed them with finest wheat, and through the grace of your servant Jacob turned famine into abundant provision.

When you brought your children out of slavery, you filled their mouths with good things and led them to life in a land of plenty. In the fulness of time your Son gave us a place of honour at the banquet of salvation, which is more than we could ever deserve. And so we rejoice with all who

feed on him by faith with thanksgiving, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we join the 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.**

Transforming God, as you exalt the humble and humble the exalted, pour your grace upon your church, gathered to remember the dying and rising of your Son. Send your Spirit upon 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.**

Inviting God, as in your Son you beckon the poor and the crippled and the blind and the lame, visit your church where it is poor and make it reflect the wonder of your love. Renew the people where they are crippled, that your power may be made perfect in weakness. Empower your children where they are blind, that they may know you more truly.

Uphold your saints where they are lame, that they may find friends gracious in support and strength, with whom they may never be afraid. Make your church a place of holiness and hospitality, that it may entertain angels unawares. For in Christ you are the same yesterday, today and for ever, and in the power of your Spirit we shall never walk alone, heavenly Father, radiant in glory. **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: Rachael Ringer and Stephen Ringer

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.

Post Communion Hymn

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

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is
gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

**Lord of all mercy, we your
faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice which
takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace: by our
communion keep us firm on the
foundation of the gospel and
preserve us from all sin;
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

We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for men in all the earth;

The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and

hell

That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,

By all creation glorified;

He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

This gospel message we proclaim:

We sing His glory, tell His worth.

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

SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER -

RIDE AND STRIDE organized by The Friends of Kent Churches. We are looking for participants and sponsors. Please see Felicity 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.

SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER -

PARISH LUNCH will be served in church 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.

Sign up sheet on the table at the side of the church.

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

SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

ST. LAURENCE CHURCH

SATURDAY PARISH BREAKFAST TALK -

Please do come to the first of our Parish Breakfast Talks on the 24th September, at 9.30am. in the Church. The talk will be given by Bob Ash, one our parishioners. The title of the talk will be -

‘Making Sense of China’.

I commend this talk to you. Please invite your friends. There will be a

sign up sheet for catering purposes.

Here is a brief Biosketch of our speaker: ROBERT ASH

Until his retirement in July 2020 Bob Ash was Professor of Economics with reference to China and Taiwan at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. He is now Professor Emeritus at SOAS. From 1986 to 1995 he was Head of the Contemporary China Institute at SOAS; and during 1997-2001 he was Director of the EU-China Academic Network.

From 1999 to 2013 Bob was Founder-Director of the SOAS Taiwan Studies Programme. In 2012 he received the Freedom Medal of Diplomacy from the Government of the Republic of China on Taiwan in recognition of his achievements in promoting Taiwan Studies in the UK and elsewhere in Europe.

Bob has held visiting research and teaching positions at universities in Australia, Hong Kong, France and Italy. He has been researching China for more than 40 years and has published

widely on development issues relating to China, as well as Taiwan and Hong Kong. From the 1970s until the 2010s he was a frequent traveller to China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, and made conference and research visits to the USA, Australia, Japan, South Korea and many European countries. He has been a consultant on China for international banks and multinationals, and has undertaken work for the European Commission and the International Labour Organisation. He has also given evidence to the House of Lords European Union Committee on relations between the EU and China.

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER –
Harvest Supper and Quiz night

SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER –
Harvest Festival

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER –
Concert by The Bodiam Concert Band