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IN THE DIOCESE OF
CANTERBURY
ALL AGE FAMILY COMMUNION
HARVEST FESTIVAL
2ND. OCTOBER 2022**

THE SIDESMEN TODAY ARE:

NORMA COX AND DIANA RINGER

THE ZOOM DETAILS ARE:

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*Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the LORD, for He is kind:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

*Let us blaze His Name abroad,
for of gods He is the God:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

*He with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

*All things living He doth feed;
His full hand supplies their need:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

*He His chosen race did bless
in the wasteful wilderness:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

*He hath with a pious eye
looks upon our misery:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

*Let us therefore warble forth
His high majesty and worth:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

Please sit

GREETING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION

Let us confess our forgetfulness of
the needs of the poor, and repent of
the ways in which we waste the
resources of the world.

Lord, you give justice to those who
are suffering and bread to those
who hunger. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you loose those who are
bound and open the eyes of the
blind.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you watch over the stranger in the land and uphold the orphan and the widow. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Eternal god, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well being; 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.**

READING:

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord,
“Increase our faith!”

He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

“Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’?

Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to Christ our Lord

REFLECTION

Harvest Gifts are brought to the altar during which we sing the following hymn:

*We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God’s almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.*

Refrain:

*Refrain - All good gifts around us are
sent from heav’n above.
We thank you, God, we thank you,
God, for all your love.*

*You only are the Maker
of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread. **[Refrain]***

*We thank you, then, Creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time, and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
and what you most would welcome:
our humble, thankful hearts.*
[Refrain]

THE CREED

*Father, we adore You,
lay our lives before You,
how we love You.*

*Jesus we adore You,
lay our lives before You,
how we love You.*

*Spirit, we adore You,
lay our lives before You,
how we love You.*

PRAYERS read by Jane Cooper (Foodbank Organiser for Hawkhurst)

We pray for all who work in the farming, forestry and fishing industry, for farmers foresters and fishers, their families and communities and all who depend on them

For farmers who struggle to make a living, especially those who are tenants, and those who have large amounts of debt to service

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

For those who maintain high standards of animal husbandry, but are undercut by unfair competition and have undergone great suffering over the past months, for livestock hauliers and auctioneers, for vets and agricultural advisers

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

For those who are seeking to use agro-chemicals responsibly and adopt eco-friendly practices

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

For farming families under stress, for farm women, for National Farmers Union and its work in promoting locally produced food and opportunities for diversification.

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

For foresters, balancing long term investment and short term economic return, for the development of sustainable woodland and increased use of coppicing products, for the use of trees and hedges to improve the micro climate and bio-diversity

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

For fishing communities adapting to massive change, for an end to vicious rivalry within the Fishing Community,
for wisdom in implementing policies that will sustain and renew fish stocks while ensuring the viability of fishing businesses

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

For restraint and fairness in the use of economic power, for discernment and a long term view in policy and decision making, for a love of creation and a high view of human stewardship

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

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind and spirit, especially Robbie Robinson, Gillian Robinson, Eleanor Ash, Colin White, David Winston, Christian Jervis-Read, Cressida Jervis-Read, John Tanner

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for those recently departed:

Those whose Years' Mind occur this month: Michelle Berge, Mary

Howarth, Raymond John Denney, John Velvick, Tim Morton, Janusz Kent, Janina Misayat, Christopher Denne, Pat Bassant, Philip Sheldon, Arthur Horner, Patricia Travers, Janet Attwood, Alan Collins, Dorothy Heady

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the same of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's sake. **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.*

Offertory Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!*

*Have you not seen all that is needful
has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?*

*Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall
daily attend you.*

*Ponder anew what the Almighty can
do,
if with his love he befriends you.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in
me adore him!*

*All that has life and breath, come
now with praises before him.*

*Let the Amen sound from his people
again;
gladly forever adore him.*

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

The bread we offer which
symbolises our work, becomes for
us the Body of Christ. **Amen**

The wine we offer which symbolises
our leisure, becomes for us the
Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

We offer to God all that we are so
we sing:

*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 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 say:

**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/kneel

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 Fraction

We break this bread to share in the
body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one
body**

The Agnus Dei

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 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.

The Distribution of Communion

**The Chalice bearers today are:
Brian Elliott and Alison Jones**

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.

Communion Hymn

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:*

Refrain:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
[Refrain]*

*For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:
[Refrain]*

*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
[Refrain]*

*For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,*

Flowers of earth and buds of heaven: [Refrain]

*For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love: [Refrain]*

Post-communion prayer

God our Father, as a friend at table your Son Jesus has broken for us his bread of peace and spoken to us your word of forgiveness. Be with us as we go out to share your love and peace with our family and friends. remake our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

Please sit for the Notices

Hymn

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the
Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name
we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou
rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high
soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.*

*To all life thou givest—to both great
and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of
all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves
on the tree,
And wither and perish—but nought
changeth thee.*

*Great Father of Glory, pure Father
of Light,
Thine Angels adore thee, all veiling
their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us
to see*

*'Tis only the splendour of light
hideth thee.*

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.**

**We sit to Listen to the Organ
Voluntary**

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NOTICES

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

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER –
Concert by The Bodiam Concert
Band

