



St. Laurence Parish
Church, Hawkhurst
in the Diocese of
Canterbury
The Thirteenth
Sunday after Trinity
- 11.9.2022

The Sidesmen today are Kate
Lagden and Geraldine Nurney

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

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance
he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,

he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he
buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye
endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing
thought:
splendour, light, and life attend
him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

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

Seek the Lord while he may be
found,
Call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked abandon their
ways

And the unrighteous their
thoughts.

Turn back to the Lord, who will
have mercy;
To our God who will richly pardon.

**A time of silence and self-
examination is kept.**

**All Lord God, we have sinned
against you; we have done evil
in your sight. We are sorry and**

**repent. Have mercy on us
according to your love. Wash
away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin. Renew
a right spirit within us and
restore us to the joy of your
salvation, through Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins, and
restore us in his image to the
praise and glory of his name,
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 called your
Church to bear witness that you
were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself: help us to
proclaim the good news of your
love, that all who hear it may be
drawn to you; through him who
was lifted up on the cross, 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 - 1 Timothy 1:12- 17 read by Claire Roberts

Beloved:

I am grateful to him who has
strengthened me, Christ Jesus
our Lord,
because he considered me
trustworthy

in appointing me to the ministry.

I was once a blasphemer and a
persecutor and arrogant,

but I have been mercifully treated
because I acted out of ignorance
in my unbelief.

Indeed, the grace of our Lord has
been abundant,

along with the faith and love that
are in Christ Jesus.

This saying is trustworthy and
deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners.

Of these I am the foremost.

But for that reason I was
mercifully treated,

so that in me, as the foremost,

Christ Jesus might display all his
patience as an example

for those who would come to
believe in him for everlasting life.

To the king of ages, incorruptible,
invisible, the only God,

honour and glory forever and
ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake;
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark
vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore

my dwelling place shall be.

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 Chapter fifteen
beginning at the first verse

Glory to Christ our Lord

Now the tax collectors and
sinners were all gathering around
to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees
and the teachers of the law
muttered, "This man welcomes
sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this
parable: "Suppose one of you has
a hundred sheep and loses one of
them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-
nine in the open country and go
after the lost sheep until he finds
it? And when he finds it, he joyfully
puts it on his shoulders and goes
home. Then he calls his friends
and neighbours together and
says, 'Rejoice with me; I have
found my lost sheep.' I tell you
that in the same way there will be
more rejoicing in heaven over one

sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.” “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins[a] and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

Everlasting God, we come before you with our baggage, our worries, our anxiety and our fears. Some of us are tired, some of us are in pain, some are sad and some are angry; and so, as we place our burdens before, you help us to learn from you and to trust in you, so that in serving you we may find the rest that you have promised.

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

Faithful God, we ask you to make the doors of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and the care of heavenly Father. May they be narrow enough to shut out all that creates discord or division. We pray that what takes place in our worship here week by week will never be a stumbling-block to those who gather here in your name.

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

Father God, raise up we pray, in our turbulent and violent world, leaders who will base their decisions on the law of justice and moral integrity that you have planted in every human heart

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

Father God, we pray for all whose livelihood and way of life are threatened by current economic problems caused by the ongoing war in Ukraine. Give all who face changes in life courage and help them to see opportunities in change and take on challenges with optimism.

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

Gracious God, may your compassion be sensed and felt by the sick and the lonely, the poor and the oppressed as we support them with our loving prayer and by our assistance whenever we can be close to them. We pray for Gillian Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, Colin White,

David Winston, Christian Jarvis-Read, Cressida Jarvis-Read

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

Merciful God, we pray for those who have been released from their mortal bodies in death and that they may be brought rejoicing into the kingdom of heaven, reunited with all their loved ones who have gone before them. We

pray for those recently departed, the newly presented servants of God: Eunice Botha, Michael Waghorn, Hilary Spielman, Maria Misayat.

We pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Harry Sidebottom, Gladys Bridgland, Jamie Hiscock, Carolyn Horner, Pat Hodges, Ivy Fawcett, Michael Kilby, Iris Weeks, Peggy Richardson, Geoffrey Pynegar, Michael Wright, George Maskell, Olive Boulton, Michael Brown, Richard Thompson, James Little.

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

Faithful God, be alongside us in the week ahead. Help us to be caring, good tempered and considerate, to be hard-working and diligent in all we do; to never speak hastily and to always act kindly to those we love and especially to those we find it difficult to like.

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

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
and comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;

for truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the Name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!

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

Honour and glory to you Lord God, king of the ages, because you created the world and called

a people; yet when your people became skilled in doing evil and forgot how to do good, you displayed the utmost patience and your grace overflowed with love.

When your sheep wandered away from their sheepfold you searched high and low and in Jesus came among your people to bring them home to you. Just so, when we wander away you come to us in the crucified and risen Jesus and place us on your shoulders and rejoice to bring us home.

And so we enter that joy in the presence of angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending 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 of grace, in Christ you came into the world to save sinners, to welcome them and eat with them. You spread a table in our sight and invite us to join you in glory.

Now send down your Holy Spirit, that your people who have strayed like lost sheep may dwell in the paths of righteousness, and that these gifts of bread and wine 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.**

Searching and yearning God, in Christ you enter the wilderness and sweep the dark corners of our world because you hate nothing you have made and long to draw us back to your heart. Find those who are lost, reach any who have

strayed, pursue all who seem determined to wander further and further from your fold.

Heal your earth, where fruitful land is waste and void, where the mountains are quaking, and the birds of the air have fled, bring hope, transformation and deliverance. Immortal, invisible Father, redeem your creation in the power of your Spirit, and draw all things through the free gift of your Son into the glory of your presence. **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:
Mike Appelbe and Felicity
Robinson

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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight
received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his
promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Heavenly High Priest,
Here on earth our help, our stay;

Alleluia! Hear the sinful
Cry to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,
Where the songs of all the
sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heaven your
throne:
You within the veil, have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High
Priest:
By your Spirit, left us
heavenward,
In the Eucharistic feast!

POST - COMMUNION
PRAYERS

Give thanks to the Lord for God is
gracious
God's mercy endures for ever.

God our creator, you feed your
children with the true manna, the
living bread from heaven: let this
holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage until we come
to that place where hunger and
thirst are no more; 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

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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our

eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the
Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great
name we praise.

Unresting, unceasing, 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 naught
changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father
of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling
their sight;
all praise 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.**

Retiring Organ Voluntary - It is the custom to remain seated during the organ voluntary because it is part of our act of worship.

AT YOUR SERVICE

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NOTICES

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

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!

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PLATE AND CUTLERY.

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