



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

18.9.2022 - The Parish Eucharist  
Service during the Period of  
Mourning

**The Sidesmen today are**  
**Norma Cox and Diana Ringer**

The Zoom details for this service  
are:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784  
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***Queen Elizabeth's was a life well lived; a promise with destiny kept and she is mourned most deeply in her passing. That promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today.***

***'May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest'***

From: His Majesty The King's  
address to the Nation and the  
Commonwealth

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**Hymn**

Praise, my soul, the King of  
heaven;

To his feet your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored,  
forgiven,

Evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and  
favour

To his people in distress.

Praise him, still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares  
us;

Well our feeble frame he knows.

In his hand he gently bears us,

Rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;

You behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before  
him,

Dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!

The Lord be with you

**and also with you**

'I am the resurrection and the life',  
says the Lord. 'Those who believe  
in me, even though they die, will

live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with you.

Almighty God, you judge us with infinite mercy and justice and love everything you have made. In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God our Father.

*Silence is kept.*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading - read by Charles Vernede

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

Thy kingdom come, O God,  
thy rule, O Christ, begin;  
break with thine iron rod  
the tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace  
and purity and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time  
that war shall be no more,  
and lust, oppression, crime  
shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,  
and come in thy great might;  
revive our longing eyes,  
which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred name,  
and wolves devour thy fold;  
by many deeds of shame  
we learn that love grows cold.

O'er lands both near and far  
thick darkness broodeth yet:  
arise, O Morning Star,  
arise, and never set!

Alleluia, alleluia.

'It is the will of him who sent me',  
says the Lord, 'that I should lose  
none of all that he has given me,  
but raise them up on the last  
day'.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Refection**

#### **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.**

### **Prayers led by Robin Crowther**

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you have given us in and through the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth.

We give you thanks: for her love of family and her gift of friendship; for her devotion to this nation and the nations of the Commonwealth; for her grace, dignity and courtesy; and for her generosity and love of life.

We praise you for: the courage that she showed in testing times; the depth and of her Christian faith; and the witness she bore to it in word and deed.

We pray for our Sovereign Lord the King and all the Royal Family, that you might reassure them of your continuing love and lift them from the depths of grief into the peace and light of your presence.

O God, from whom comes everything that is upright and true: accept our thanks for the gifts of heart and mind that you did bestow on your servant Elizabeth the Queen, and which she showed forth among us in her words and deeds; and grant that we may have grace to live our lives in accordance with your will, to seek the good of others, and to remain faithful servants unto our lives' end; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Father in heaven, we thank you that you have made us in your own image and have given us gifts in mind, body and spirit. We thank you now for Elizabeth the Queen and what she meant to each of us. As we honour her memory, make us more aware that you are the one from whom comes every perfect gift, including the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Father in heaven, we praise your name for all who have finished

this life loving and trusting you, for the example of their lives, the grace you gave them, and the peace in which they rest. We praise you today for your servant Elizabeth the Queen and for all that you did through her. Meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving, for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Eternal God and Father, we praise you that you have made people to share life together and to reflect your glory in the world. We thank you now for Elizabeth the Queen for all that we saw of your goodness and love in her life and for all that she means to each one of us. As we too journey towards death may we do so in the company of Jesus, who came to share our life that we might share the life of eternity. To him be glory with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of Elizabeth the Queen for the love she received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise

to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with our sister that clearer vision, when we shall see your face in the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear, O Lord, the prayers of thy people, as we remember before you Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth: and grant that we who confess your name upon earth, may with her be made perfect in the kingdom of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn, especially the members of the Royal Family, that casting every care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. The peace of the risen Lord be always with you

**And also  
with you.**

### **Offertory 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.

### **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 it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks because through him you have given us the hope of a glorious

resurrection; so that, although death comes to us all, yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life; for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away; and when our mortal flesh is laid aside an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray and grant that, by the



power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, 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.

### **Praise to you, Lord Jesus**

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by his merits and death, and through

faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

## **The Fraction**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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 Distribution of Communion**

### **The Chalice bearers today are: Sandra Dreyer 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.*

## **Communion Hymns**

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us,  
pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of  
life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our  
souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us  
and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive Your  
people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our  
generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure,  
wealth and care:  
for young and old, for  
commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to  
hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we  
disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and  
comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed  
without him:  
Lord of the world, we pray that  
Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living  
power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon  
the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future  
take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ  
alone.

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In moments like these  
I sing out a song,  
I sing out a love song to Jesus;  
in moments like these  
I lift up my hands,  
I lift up my hands to the Lord.

Singing I love You, Lord,  
Singing I love You, Lord,  
Singing I love You, Lord,  
I love You.

### **Post-Communion Prayers**

Father in Heaven, whose Church  
on earth is a sign of your  
heavenly peace, an image of the  
new and eternal Jerusalem: grant  
to us in the days of our  
pilgrimage that, fed with the living  
bread of heaven and united in  
the body of your Son, we may be  
the temple of your presence, the  
place of your glory on earth, and  
a sign of your peace in the world;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

God grant to the living, grace; to  
the departed, rest; to the Church,  
the King, the Commonwealth, and  
all humankind peace and  
concord; and to us and all his  
servants, life everlasting; and the  
blessing of God almighty, the

Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Notices**

### **Recessional Hymn**

Immortal Love for ever full,  
for ever flowing free,  
for ever shared, for ever whole,  
a never-ebbing sea.

Our outward lips confess the name  
all other names above;  
love only knoweth whence it came  
and comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps  
to bring the Lord Christ down;  
in vain we search the lowest deeps,  
for him no depths can drown:

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet  
a present help is he;  
and faith has still its Olivet,  
and love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress  
is by our beds of pain;  
we touch him in life's throng and press,  
and we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers  
are said  
our lips of childhood frame;  
the last low whispers of our dead  
are burdened with his name.

Alone, O Love ineffable,  
thy saving name is given;  
to turn aside from thee is hell,  
to walk with thee is heaven.

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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.**

## **The National Anthem is sung**

God save our gracious King!  
Long live our noble King!  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On him be pleased to pour,  
Long may he reign.  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,

To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King  
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.

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> 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  
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Government of the Republic of  
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his achievements in promoting  
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*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 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER** –  
Harvest Supper and Quiz night

**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER** –  
Harvest Festival

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** –  
Concert by The Bodiam Concert Band

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