



St. Laurence Parish
Church, Hawkhurst in
the Diocese of
Canterbury
The Fifteenth Sunday
after Trinity - 25.9.2022

The Sidesmen today are Diana
Hunt and Sylvia Williams

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:

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient Church's
story,
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage
for the facing of this hour,
Lo, the hosts of evil round us

scorn the Christ, assail his ways.
From the fears that long have
bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage
for the living of these days,

Cure your children's warring
madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish
gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage
serving you whom we adore,

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage,
serving thee whom we adore,

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

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 read by Anne Wheelhouse

A reading from the first letter of Timothy chapter six beginning at the sixth verse

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while

testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn

Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and love;

Height and depth beyond
description,
only life in you can prove:
You are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by
grace;
Yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the man for others
we, your people, make our prayer
help us love, as sisters, brothers
all whose burdens we can share
where your name binds us
together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be
where no selfishness can sever
there you love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, bringing
wind and flame of Pentecost
fire our hearts afresh with
yearning
to regain what we have lost
may your love unite our action
nevermore to speak alone
God, in us, abolish faction
God, through us, your love make
known.

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 sixteen beginning at the nineteenth verse

Glory to Christ our Lord

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

"There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.

When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me.

Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue,

for I am suffering torment in these flames.'

Abraham replied,

'My child, remember that you received

what was good during your lifetime

while Lazarus likewise received what was bad;

but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.

Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established

to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go

from our side to yours or from your side to ours.'

He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers,

so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.'

But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets.

Let them listen to them.'

He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets,

neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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 Sandra Dreyer

Father, we give you thanks for all
that you have done for us, for life
and love that you have given us
so generously. Lord, make us
mindful of your gifts, that we may
be content and grateful, giving our
love and lives to you all our days.
For his will to be done, **let us pray
to the Lord.**

We pray for Justin and Rose our
bishops, and for all priests and
deacons serving in the churches
of the Diocese.

For his will to be done, **let us pray to the Lord.**

We pray for King Charles III and all the members of the Royal family at this time that they may know your presence and your peace

For his will to be done, **let us pray to the Lord.**

We pray for the poor and the needy. Help us not fall into the trap of the rich man who ignored Lazarus in his need. Help us individually to be generous to the disadvantaged. As a congregation, enable us to continue giving generously to the need in our area through our local food bank.

For his will to be done, **let us pray to the Lord.**

O God you created the heavens and the earth. Give us the courage and diligence to care for your creation. We thank you for beauty of our country — the mountains, forests, fields, rivers and lakes—and the abundant rainfall. We pray that you would restore areas of our country that have experienced drought and extreme heat.

For his will to be done, **let us pray to the Lord.**

God, our world has had more than enough of violence and bloodshed. We pray that you would convict the hearts of those who are contemplating violence. We pray for peace and safety in our country and in the world, remembering the people of Ukraine and the Middle East

For his will to be done, **let us pray to the Lord.**

We pray all who are seeking and enquiring about their faith. May they all come to understand the love of God and the atoning sacrifice of Jesus for all humanity. For his will to be done, **let us pray to the Lord.**

We remember in our prayers all those who are in suffering in body or spirit, as well as those who care for them. We pray for protection, healing and comfort for those on our church prayer list, in particular remembering

Robbie Robinson, Gillian Robinson, Eleanor Ash, Colin White,

David Winston, Christian Jervis-Read, Cressida Jervis-Read, John Tanner.

For his will to be done, **let us pray to the Lord.**

We pray for all who have entered into your presence and are enjoying your everlasting care. Especially we pray for those recently departed, the newly presented servants of God: Eunice Botha

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.
For his will to be done, **let us pray to the Lord.**

We thank you for all the ways you have shown your love, your goodness, and your compassion, through healing our illnesses, providing for our needs, and answering our prayers.
For his will to be done, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Faithful God, be alongside us in the week ahead. God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal

fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

For his will to be done, **let us pray to the Lord.**

In silence we bring to the Lord our own particular prayers

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

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.

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

Immortal God of unapproachable light, honour and dominion be unto you, for you invite us to dine with you at the heavenly banquet with your Son Jesus Christ, the blessed and only Sovereign, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. When in Christ you were incarnate among us, you came not as the proud and haughty rich man but lived and died as the poor man at the gate. He laid down his life that we might be reconciled with you and in his resurrection showed us you love and your power. And so we celebrate your glory, with all the company of heaven, singing the everlasting song.

**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.**

Trusting God, your servant Jeremiah believed the exile of your people will come to an end,

and so bought a field that would one day reward his faith in you. In this meal of earthly bread and heavenly wine you make a promise to us that though our time on earth be short, our abiding with you in heaven will be for ever.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us rich in good works, generous and ready to share, that we may take hold of the life that really is in life. By that same Spirit make this bread and cup 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.**

Generous and ever-giving God, make money an instrument of your peace. Where your children are too wealthy, make content with food and clothing, not placing their hopes in the uncertainty of riches. Where your people long to have more, free them from the harmful desires that might plunge them into ruin and destruction. Where money causes a great chasm of division, bring partnership, understanding and kindness.

Visit all who were in agony through pain and humiliation or regret or abandonment, and set your eyes on you who provide so richly with everything for our enjoyment; until the day when you are all in all, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
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.

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 Distribution of Communion

**The Chalice bearers today are:
Andrea Higgins 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.

Post Communion Hymns

Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt
praise:
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,

dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest
rages,
save, lest we sink beneath the
waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we
pray,
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet Sacrament divine.

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
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I love You

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Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is
gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with
your perpetual mercy; and,
because without you our human
frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever
by your help from all things
hurtful, and lead us to all things
profitable to our salvation; 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

Ye holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest,

Who ran this earthly race
And now, from sin released,
Behold your Saviour's face,
His praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good or ill,
Who ever lives!

My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above:
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise!

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.

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NOTICES

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

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER –
Harvest Supper and Quiz night

SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER – Harvest
Festival

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER –
Concert by The Bodiam Concert
Band