



ST. LAURENCE PARISH
CHURCH, HAWKHURST IN
THE DIOCESE OF
CANTERBURY
THE FOURTH SUNDAY
BEFORE ADVENT/ALL
SAINTS DAY - 30.10.2022

The Sidesmen today are Kate Lagden and Geraldine Nurney

We welcome Dr. Michael Robertson, our organist this morning

Dr. Robertson is the Visiting Research Fellow in Baroque music

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

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

Etrance Hymn:

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall,
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him you martyrs of our God,
who witnessed to his call;
exalt the one whose path you trod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Descendants of his chosen race
you ransomed from the Fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love cannot forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your offering at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every people, nation, tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

O that in heaven with that great throng,
we at his feet may fall,
join in the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of 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

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.

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 and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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 together

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 Peter Hodges

A reading from St. Paul's Second letter to the Thessalonians, Chapter One

Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the

presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marvelled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Bless'd are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their heart is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens,
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King.

He to the lowly soul
Doth still Himself impart,

And for His dwelling and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we Thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for Thee.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew Chapter Five beginning at the First Verse

Glory to Christ our Lord

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of
God.
Blessed are they who are
persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of
heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult
you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil
against you falsely because of
me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in
heaven.”

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

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,**

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,**

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 Mike Appelbe

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Bless Justin and Rose our bishops and all ministers of your Church and our parish here in Hawkhurst that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have

been well-pleasing to you from eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times. We pray for those who have died in recent days, the newly presented servant of God: Andrew Burke-Smith

We pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: 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**

Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom.

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

In silence we bring to the Lord our own particular prayers

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your

grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

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.

Offertory Hymn

Praise the Lord: ye heavens adore him;

Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;

Praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;

Worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail:

God hath made his saints victorious;

Sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;

Heaven and earth and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto thee;
Young and old, thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore thee;
We would bow before thy throne:
As thine angels serve before thee,
So on earth thy will be done.

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

Creating and redeeming God, in Adam, Abraham, in Deborah, Esther and Mary, you have chosen not simply to guide the course of events but to be in relationship with us and to entrust your children with the embodiment and exercise of your will. In the dying and rising Christ you give us not just a saviour but

an example, and in every generation you call your people to imitate the pattern of his life and death and do witness to your glory. You call us to be not heroes who go it alone but saints whose every breath depends on others and on you. We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven, with whom we join in singing the unending hymn of your joy and 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, in this gathering you take the fruit of the vine and human hands and make them a blessing for your people now and for ever. As our earthly bodies decay and die and resemble your Son's body taken down from the cross, send your Spirit and remake us in the image of your Son's resurrected body, that our scars may become signs of your glory and our hearts be one with yours. Sanctify this bread and wine that they 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.**

Resurrecting God, bless those who mourn, that they may be comforted. Bless the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven. Bless the pure in heart that they may see you. Visit those who face death amid persecution and violence, that they may know the gladness and rejoicing of your kingdom.

Be close to any who end their days in agony and isolation, that they may enter the joy of their reward. Where your children feel

all is lost, meet them in their fear, touch them in their loneliness and raise them by your mercy, so that on the last day, when you bring a new heaven and a new earth, they may discover you as an infinite circle whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere, and be changed from glory into glory, with and by you, 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: Felicity Robinson and Kent Harries

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

O thou, who at thy Eucharist
didst pray
that all thy Church might be for
ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "thy
will be done."

O may we all one Bread, one
Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of
unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we
intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon
to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each,
we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince
of Peace;

thus may we all one Bread, one
Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of
unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers
from thy fold;
O bring them back, good
Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints
believed of old,
back to the Church which still
that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one Bread, one
Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of
unity.

So, Lord, at length when
sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy
Church above,
one with thy saints in one
unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one
unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and
love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

Post - Communion Prayers

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

Lord of heaven, in this Eucharist
you have brought us near to an
innumerable company of angels

and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; 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

Closing Hymn

For all the saints, who from their labours rest;
who to the world by faith their Lord confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You were their rock, their fortress,
and their might;
you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight,
and in the darkness their unfailing light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

So may your soldiers, faithful, true
and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly
fought of old
and win with them the victor's
crown of gold.
Alleluia, alleluia!

One holy people, fellowship
divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory
shine
in earth and heaven the saints in
praise combine:
Alleluia, alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the

warfare long,
faintly we hear the distant
triumph-song;
and hearts are brave again, and
arms are strong.
Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in
the west:
soon, soon to faithful warriors
comes their rest,
the peaceful calm of paradise the
blessed.
Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more
glorious day;
the saints all-triumphant rise in
bright array
the king of glory passes on his
way!
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from
ocean's farthest shore
through gates of pearl, ascending,
they adore
the Father, Son and Spirit
evermore:
Alleluia, alleluia!

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 -
Please remain seated for the
organ voluntary.

NOTICES

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST at Bowles Lodge ~ 10.00a.m.

PARISH LUNCH - Sunday 20th November at 12.30pm.

This will be held at the back of the church.

Adults £8.00 Children welcome, no charge for 12yr olds and under.

Please bring your own crockery and cutlery.

A sign-up sheet is available on the table at the back of the church. If anyone is able to provide a desert this will be most welcome.

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER – Concert by The Bodiam Concert Band at 7.30pm in St Laurence Church.

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER - Concert by Cranbrook Symphony Orchestra at 7.30pm in St Laurence Church.

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER - *Light up a Life Service* of Dedication at 6.00pm in St Laurence Church.

COFFEE ROTA – If you would like to help with serving refreshments after the 10am service on Sunday, please see Peggy Stone who will add your name to the rota.

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