



**ST. LAURENCE
CHURCH,**

**HAWKHURST, DIOCESE
OF CANTERBURY**
**FAMILY HOLY COM-
MUNION SERVICE**
6.11.2022

**THE THIRD SUNDAY BE-
FORE ADVENT**

ZOOM DETAILS:
Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
Passcode: 5i1UCa

**The Sidespeople today are:
Norma Cox and Diana Ringer**

WELCOME

The Vicar welcomes the congregation

HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling,

joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,

lost in wonder, love and praise.

The Lord be with you
And also with you

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

May the Father forgive us by the death and resurrection of his Son, and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. **Amen**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

We pray together:

**God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars
shall cease and poverty and**

pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

THE GOSPEL READING - READ BY SCOTT HENDERSON

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, Chapter twenty beginning at the twenty seventh verse

Glory to you O Lord

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, If someone's brother dies leaving

a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her." Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord, ' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

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

REFLECTION

Admission of the Baptized to Communion

Today we welcome to Communion some of our congregation who share faithfully and regularly in our worship. A person is admitted to communion on the basis of their baptism, the sign and pledge of incorporation into the death and resurrection of Christ and the new life of the kingdom of God.

They have been baptised, and today they receive the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ with us. They are taking a new step in the life to which God has called them in baptism and which we trust they will later affirm in confirmation. We welcome them and look forward to learning with and from them as we journey together on the Way of Christ.

The Welcome

The candidates and the congregation stand. The Vicar says to all:

In baptism we are made members of Christ's family. As members of that family, we gather together to share in this meal which he gave us as a continuing sign of his living presence among us. We do this

in obedience to Jesus' command which he gave at this last supper with his friends on the night before he died.

The Vicar addresses the candidates:

Today is an important stage in your Christian journey, which began at your baptism. We welcome you as you come to receive Holy Communion for this first time. Do you wish to be admitted to Holy Communion and to share regularly in this sacred meal?

The candidates reply together:
Yes.

The Vicar addresses the congregation:

Will you help these candidates to grow in faith and come to confirmation? Will you welcome these candidates as communicant members of Christ's family and support them with your friendship and your prayers?

The congregation replies: **We will.**

The Vicar prays for the candidates:

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for these candidates who today receive bread and wine for the first time in your name. Give them such a sense of the mystery of your body and blood, and of your real presence, that day by day they may grow to be more like you.

Amen.

The Vicar says:

I welcome you to the sacrament of Holy Communion. May God bless you as you continue with us on your journey of faith. We welcome you in Jesus' name to receive communion with us.

HYMN

**He is Lord, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead
And he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**You are Lord, You are Lord,
You have risen from the dead
And You are Lord.
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess
That You are Christ our Lord.**

**He is King, he is King,
He will draw all nations to him,
He is King;
And the time shall be**

**when the world shall sing,
That Jesus Christ is King.**

**He is love, he is love,
He has shown us by his life
that he is love;
All his people sing
with one voice of joy
That Jesus Christ is love.**

**He is life, he is life;
He has died to set us free
and he is life;
And he calls us all
to live evermore,
For Jesus Christ is life.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Everlasting God, open our eyes, that we might see you. Open our ears, that we may hear you. Open our mouths, that we might speak your praise.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we pray for your church throughout the world, for sceptics and believers, for clergy high and low. For all those who seek God at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews, for all who search for life. We pray for the stillness to listen to the voice of the Spirit and to recognise what you have done for us. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Creator God you gave to us the care of our planet and yet all that we seem to do is spoil it. We pollute the atmosphere in our striving for worldly goods, we endanger the lives of your animal kingdom in our constant desire for farmland and cash crops and we bring death and destruction in senseless wars and acts of terrorism. We pray for a time when common sense rules and we all learn once again to be good stewards of your wonderful creation.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Father God we pray for all those preparing for marriage that through their preparations they experience an increase of love towards each other and an increase of generosity to others. May their union, by our prayers, make for a long and happy life together.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we raise before you the sick and the suffering and ask that even in difficult times, we may honour you and encourage others by our prayers for those who are suffering today. We pray for Gillian Robinson,

Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash,
Colin White,
David Winston, Christian Jervis-
Read, Cressida Jervis-Read,
Nigel Barter
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our
prayer.**

Gracious God, you give light to those in darkness who walk in the shadow of death; so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants, that death may be for them the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you. We pray for the recently departed, the newly presented servants of God.....We pray also for those who years' mind occur at this time:

Camillus Travers, Frederick Wood, Freda Ross-Thomson, Audrey Warren, Elsie Williams, Alan Vaughan, Joyce Fawcett, Paddy Turner, Niko Vaughan, John Mitham, Lynne Wood, Audrey Buss, Eddie Mole, Muriel Roberts, Elinor Michalski Leon Michalski
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our
prayer.**

Faithful God, you have promised to be with us and long ago sent your Spirit to live amongst us to guide us to a future of goodness and hope. As we travel into the

week ahead seeking your truth and justice, help us to feel your presence and see your answers to the prayers we have made to you this morning.

Merciful Father: **accept these
prayers for the sake of your
Son, our Saviour, Jesus
Christ. Amen**

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

We stand to sing

**Shalom, Shalom,
May peace be with you,
Throughout your days;
In all that you do,
May peace be with you,
Shalom, Shalom. (Repeat)**

HYMN

*A collection will be made during
the singing of this hymn*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Al-
mighty!
Early in the morning our song
shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and
mighty!
God in three persons, blessed
Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints
adore thee,
casting down their golden
crowns around the glassy sea;**

**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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.

We sing together

**All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.**

**All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.**

**Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.**

All that I am, all that I do,

**All that I'll ever have I offer
now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve
you
Is enough reward.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

**Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God**

**It is right to give him thanks
and praise**

**Why do we give thanks and
praise at this table?**

We give thanks for all that God
has done for us.

God the Father created the
heavens, the earth and every-
thing in them; and created us in
his own image.

Let us give thanks and praise

Christ our Lord became human
like us, and died to save us.

Let us give thanks and praise

God sent the Holy Spirit to gather
us together as the people of God

Let us give thanks and praise

So come let us join together to
worship this God who loves
We sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest.**

Please sit

We praise you Father that before
Jesus our Saviour suffered and
died, he gave us this holy meal
to share and told us to continue
it until he comes again.

**Why do we eat bread together
at this table?**

On the night before he died, Je-
sus took bread. After giving
thanks, he broke it, and gave it to
his disciples saying, “Take, eat.
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

**Why do we drink from the cup
together at this table?**

In the same way after supper Je-
sus took the cup, saying. “This
cup is God's new covenant
sealed with my blood, poured out
for you for the forgiveness of

sins. Do this in remembrance of me”

What do we remember at this table?

We remember the Father's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

We sing:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made one with Christ and with one another. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ has taught us so we pray

**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 because we all share in one Bread

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.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

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.

The Distribution of Communion

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.

**The chalice bearers today are:
Andrea Higgins and Alison Parsons**

COMMUNION HYMN

**Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground**

**Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around**

**Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER.

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people

and nations; through our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

God the Holy Trinity make you
strong in faith and love, defend
you on every side, and guide
you in truth and peace; and the
blessing ...**Amen.**

Notices

HYMN

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord
of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no
cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and
give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of
all faith,
Whose strong hands were
skilled at the plane and the
lathe,
Be there at our labours, and
give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts,
Lord at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of
all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and
give us, we pray,**

**Your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of
all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and
give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts,
Lord, at the end of the day.**

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

**Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God**

May the divine assistance re-
main with us always.
**And with all our brothers and
sisters in Christ.**

May the souls of the faithful de-
parted 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 dessert this will be most welcome.

Sunday, please see Peggy Stone who will add your name to the rota.

AT YOUR SERVICE

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Organist:

Dr. Charlotte O' Neill
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SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER –

Concert by The Bodiam Concert Band at 7.30pm in St Laurence Church.

Safeguarding:

Mrs Jane Cooper
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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