

St. Laurence Parish Church,
Hawkhurst in the Diocese of
Canterbury
The Second Sunday before
Advent - 13.11.2022

The Sidesmen today are Diana
Hunt and Sylvia Williams

The Zoom details or 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

Entrance Hymn:

O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;
the walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,
from lies of tongue and pen,
from all the easy speeches
that comfort cruel men,
from sale and profanation
of honour and the sword,
from sleep and from damnation,

deliver us, good Lord!

Tie in a living tether
the prince and priest and thrall,
bind all our lives together,
smite us and save us all;
in ire and exultation
afame with faith, and free,
lift up a living nation,
a single sword to thee.

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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 Mary Tanner

A reading from St. Paul's Second letter to the Thessalonians, chapter three, beginning at the seventh verse

Brothers and sisters, You know how one must imitate us. For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you. Not that we do not have the right. Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat.

We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Let the sea and what fills it resound,

the world and those who dwell in it;

let the rivers clap their hands,
the mountains shout with them for joy.

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to rule the earth,
he will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with equity.

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

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 Luke, Chapter Twenty One beginning at the Fifth Verse

Glory to Christ our Lord

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first,

but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defence beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

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 Stephen Ringer

Almighty Father, we thank you for
bringing us together this
Remembrance Sunday to recall
with tenderness and respect
those who lost their lives from this
community and the many
thousands further afield in the
wars of this and the last century.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our
prayer.**

We pray for all those still caught up in conflicts across the world and acknowledge what may be our own confusion about war and the use of weapons. Father, help us to meet with you in these moments of worship and make us ever mindful of your goodness towards us and strengthen us to be aware of the needs of others. As we pray for peace, give us peace in our hearts.

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

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service: in Iraq, in Afghanistan, Ukraine and elsewhere. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

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

Mighty God, have mercy on those who mourn who feel numb and crushed and are filled with the pain of grief, whose strength has given up. You know all our sighing and longings: be near to us and teach us to fix our hope on you.

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

We pray too for those we know who are ill, in hospital or in care homes and we remember to give thanks for those who are on the road to recovery. We pray for Gillian Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, Colin White, David Winston, Christian Jervis-Read, Cressida Jervis-Read, Nigel Barter, Doris Ringer.

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

Father God, you know our hearts and share our sorrows. We are hurt by our parting from those whom we loved: when we are angry at the loss we have sustained, when we long for words of comfort, yet find them hard to hear, turn our grief to truer living, our affliction to firmer hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

We pray for those who have died: for the newly presented servants of God: Phillip Stiller, Barbara Cackett.

We pray for those whose anniversaries of death fall 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**

Lord God, do not abandon us in our desolation. Keep us safe in the midst of trouble, and complete your purpose for us through your steadfast love and faithfulness.

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

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy.

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.

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**

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: Brian Elliott and Alison Jones

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

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?

The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?

To do the will of Jesus—this is rest.

Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?

On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.

Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?

In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?

Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to

our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the
night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles
last,
and our eternal home!

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 dessert this will be
most welcome.

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER –

Concert by The Bodiam Concert
Band at 7.30pm in St Laurence
Church. Tickets are available
from Ali Jones or Kate Lagden or
on the door. £12 to include a
complimentary drink. Under 12's
- £6

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.

NEW ADDRESS – for Mrs Anne
Maugham can be obtained from
Fr. Rodney, Ali or Liz. Mrs
Maugham would appreciate
receiving a card or a short note
sent to her new address.

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