

**St. Laurence Parish
Church, Hawkhurst in
the Diocese of
Canterbury
The Third Sunday of
Epiphany - 22.1.2023**

**We welcome the Revd.
Judy Darkins, our
celebrant and preacher
at the 10am. Eucharist
Service this morning**

**The Sidespeople today are
Diana Hunt and Sylvia Williams**

The Zoom details or this service
are:

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As we gather and prepare to join in worship, music is played on the organ.

Welcome

Entrance Hymn:

O worship the King all-glorious above,

O gratefully sing his power and his love:

our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,

whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?

It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,

in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.

Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,

our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might,
unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!

Your ransomed creation, with
glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your
praise!

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

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son
revealed in signs and miracles the
wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace, and in all our
weakness sustain us by your
mighty power; 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 Anne Wheelhouse

A reading from the the book of the Prophet Isaiah

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun
and the land of Naphtali;
but in the end he has glorified the seaward road,
the land west of the Jordan,
the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness:

for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom

a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy

and great rejoicing,
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,

as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;

word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of
the kingdom
and cured every disease among
the people.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew Chapter
Four beginning at the tenth verse

Glory to Christ our Lord

When Jesus heard that John had
been arrested,
he withdrew to Galilee.

He left Nazareth and went to live
in Capernaum by the sea,
in the region of Zebulun and
Naphtali,

that what had been said through
Isaiah the prophet
might be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun and land of
Naphtali,
the way to the sea, beyond the
Jordan,

Galilee of the Gentiles,

the people who sit in darkness
have seen a great light,
on those dwelling in a land
overshadowed by death
light has arisen.

From that time on, Jesus began to
preach and say,
“Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand.”

As he was walking by the Sea of
Galilee, he saw two brothers,
Simon who is called Peter, and
his brother Andrew,
casting a net into the sea; they
were fishermen.

He said to them,
“Come after me, and I will make
you fishers of men.”

At once they left their nets and
followed him.

He walked along from there and
saw two other brothers,
James, the son of Zebedee, and
his brother John.

They were in a boat, with their
father Zebedee, mending their
nets.

He called them, and immediately
they left their boat and their father
and followed him.

He went around all of Galilee,
teaching in their synagogues,
proclaiming the gospel of the
kingdom,

and curing every disease and illness among the people.

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

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

Heavenly Father as we come to the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity help us to listen to your voice calling us still to unity in our diversity. We pray for church leaders everywhere that

they may work together and promote unity among Christians

Everlasting God, you choose people to send forth as workers into your vineyard, the world that you trusted to us as stewards. You spoke to awaken Samuel with Your call, and so we ask you to open the ears of your chosen ones.

Compassionate God, you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress; accept our prayers for those whose lives are being affected by global warming and climate change here in the Costa Blanca and further afield in Spain and worldwide: strengthen them in their hour of need, grant them perseverance and courage to face the future and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives.

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, you called Abram to be the father of many nations, and so we pray for the nations of our world and their leaders. We continue to pray for peace in your world, and especially for those involved in the process of reconciliation and bridge-building between peoples, cultures or

nations. Help us wherever and whenever we can in our everyday lives to be instruments of your peace.

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, you called Moses, to be the shepherd who led the Israelites from Egypt, help us all to be worthy pastors of your flock here in our church. We pray for our families, our friends and our neighbours and all who are part of our pastoral care both here in the Costa Blanca Chaplaincy and in the rest of the world.

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God you called the Apostles to be ambassadors for Christ and gave them the power to heal. Help us to bring healing by our visits, our care and our prayers that we may strengthen the spirits of those we love especially in times of sickness or distress. We pray for: Gillian Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, Colin White, David Winston, Christian Jervis-Read, Cressida Jervis-Read, Nigel Barter, John Tanner, John Heady, Jan Edwards, Doris Ringer, Geraldine Nurney

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, your son Jesus Christ wept at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Be with us in our mourning as we pray for all who are coming to the end of their journey here on earth and for all those who have died and now rejoice in the fullness of eternal life. We especially pray for the recently departed, and for those who's years mind occur this month: Jack Travers, Evelyn Waghorn, Eleftheria Corfield, William Butler, Hilary Wood, Cecille Mallinson, Lily Collins, Malcolm Dreyer, Richard Dyke, Jane Barker, Olaf Phillips, Doris Bird, Gilbert French, Rosaline Beeny, William Fawcett, Stephen Barker, Isoline Vaughan, Hylda Reynolds, Kathleen Wood, Sheila Maugham, Sylvia Smith, Prudence Bilsby, Leila Wood

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

In silence we bring to Almighty God 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

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my
breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,

and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me; your morn shall
rise
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are 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 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 your Son our
Lord. For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all
things from the beginning, and
formed us in your own image.
Through him you have freed us
from the slavery of sin, giving him
to be born of a woman and to die
upon the cross; you raised him

from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all the nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory. 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the

body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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

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, therefore we advise those who do not wish to receive the wine to indicate this by raising their hand when offered it.

Communion Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ
You have come to us
You are one with us
Mary's Son
Cleansing our souls from all their
sin
Pouring Your love and goodness
in
Jesus, our love for you we sing
Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray
Son of God
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance Lord of you
Into our lives your power breaks
through
Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ
You have come to us
Born as one with us
Mary's Son

Led out to die on Calvary
Risen from death to set us free
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord

Lord Jesus Christ
I would come to you
live my life for you
Son of God
All your commands I know are
true
Your many gifts will make me
new
Into my life your power breaks
through
Living Lord

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for he is
gracious

His mercy endures for ever.

Almighty Father, whose Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of
the world: may your people,
illumined by your word and
sacraments, shine with the
radiance of his glory, that he may
be known, worshipped, and
obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever. **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

Christ the Son of God perfect in
you the image of his glory and
gladden your hearts with the good
news of his kingdom; and the
blessing**Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Hymn

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought
her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

The Church shall never perish.
Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end.

Tho' there be those that hate her
and strive to see her fail,
against both foe and traitor
she ever shall prevail.

Tho' with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

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.

Organ Voluntary - Please be seated for the organ voluntary

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NOTICES

**WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST
AT BOWLES LODGE 10.00**

am. Please do join us.

SAVE USED STAMPS for
RNLI. Collection box on table
at back of church.