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St. Laurence Parish Church  
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist  
Service.

2. 7. 2023 - The Fourth Sunday  
after Trinity Year A

Please Note: The Zoom details  
for this service are:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

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The Sidesmen today are: Anne  
Wheelhouse and Diane Ringer

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET  
HOME WITH YOU**

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**Hymn** (Please stand if you are  
able)

Ye servants of God, your Master  
proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful  
name;

The name all-victorious of Jesus  
extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules  
over all.

God rules in the height, almighty  
to save;  
Though hid from our sight, his  
presence we have;  
The great congregation his  
triumph shall sing,

Ascribing salvation to Jesus our  
King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the  
throne!”

Let all cry aloud, and honour the  
Son;

The praises of Jesus the angels  
proclaim,

Fall down on their faces and  
worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his  
right:

All glory and power, all wisdom  
and might,

All honour and blessing with  
angels above

And thanks never ceasing for  
infinite love.

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**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you through our own fault in thought, word, and deed and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.**

*We sing:*

Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

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**

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our**

**Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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.**

### **The First Reading read by Bob Ash**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord. He said, "Amen! May the Lord do so! May the Lord fulfil the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the Lord's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: From early times the

prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognised as one truly sent by the Lord only if his prediction comes true."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual Hymn**

King of glory, King of peace,

I will love Thee;

And that love may never cease,

I will move Thee.

Thou hast granted my request,

Thou hast heard me;

Thou didst note my working breast,

Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art

I will sing Thee,

And the cream of all my heart

I will bring Thee.

Though my sins against me cried,

Thou alone didst clear me;

And alone, when they replied,

Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,

I will praise Thee;

In my heart, though not in Heaven,

I can raise Thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort

To enrol Thee:  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol Thee.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to Christ our Lord**

“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

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

**The Reflection**

**The Creed** - said together

**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 Jane Cooper**

Holy God, we raise our prayers to you in the power of the Spirit which unites us with Christ Jesus trusting that you will hear our prayers and use them to accomplish your will for the world and for the church.

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

Faithful God, we pray for all people who seek to follow your way in their lives. Let your church here and throughout your world speak your word of truth with confidence and in unity so that those who are searching and listening will be able to see and hear clearly your message of love and peace.

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

Creator God, we pray for people and nations whose troubles drown out your music of harmony and where the violent heat of anger seeks to destroy your word of peace.

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

Loving God, we pray for King Charles, Queen Camilla and every member of the Royal family. Bless and protect them, now and always.

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

Father God, we pray for the people around us in our neighbourhoods and our places of work. Give us sensitivity and insight into their needs and vulnerabilities so that we may learn truly to love our neighbours as ourselves.

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

Gracious God, we pray for people we know who are ill, anxious or bereaved, and for those that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens. We pray that you will lead them, and us, in peace towards healing and wholeness of mind and spirit. We pray for Gillian Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winston, Christian Jervis-Read, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, Geraldine Nurney, Don Buckle, Hilary Deller, Nigel Lemon, Ray Wicks

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

Merciful God, many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly for these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. We pray for Those recently departed and all those whose years' mind occur this month: Olivia Mason, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Douglas Nurney, Eric Warren, Gordon Garwood-Warren, William Livermore, Gerald Abbey, Frederick Skeet. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

In the silence of our hearts we offer to God our own particular prayers....  
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**

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: If, when you are bringing your gift to the altar, you remember your brother or sister has a grievance against you, leave your gift where it lies before the altar. Go, make peace; and only then come and offer your gift.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

**Hymn** (Please stand if you are able)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:*

*How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:*

*How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,

And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

*Refrain*

And when I think how God, his Son not sparing,

Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;

That on the cross, my burdens  
gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my  
sin:

*Refrain*

When Christ shall come with  
shouts of acclamation,  
To take me home, what joy will fill  
my heart!  
Then I will bow in humble  
adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how  
great thou art!

*Refrain*

## 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.**

*The Priest continues with the  
Eucharistic Prayer Preface and  
then all 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.**

*(Sit/kneel)*

*The Priest continues, recalling and remembering with us the Last Supper..... then we sing:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*At the End of the next part of the Eucharistic Prayer we respond*  
**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.**

### **We Break Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body**

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.**

### **We Share in Holy Communion**

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 Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**



**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 Chalice bearers today are: Ali Jones and Peggy Stone**

After receiving Communion we sing the Communion Hymn. Please join in as soon as you can.

**Communion Hymn**

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands and let them  
move  
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing,  
Always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee;  
Take my silver and my gold,

Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in endless praise;  
Take my intellect and use  
Every pow'r as Thou shalt  
choose.

**Post - Communion Prayers**

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**WE GO IN CHRIST'S PEACE**

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

**The Blessing**

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn** (Please stand if you are able)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,

His Word my hope secures;

He will my Shield and Portion be,

As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,

And mortal life shall cease,

I shall possess, within the veil,

A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we'd first begun.

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.**

Please sit for the **Organ Voluntary**

### **NOTICES**

**WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST** at

Bowles Lodge ~ 10.00a.m.

Please do join us.

**PARISH GIVING SCHEME**

**(PGS)** – please be reminded that the way the Church will be collecting and accounting for regular and / or planned giving changed from the end of April 2023. Information packs are available at the side of the church. Your participation in the new scheme is very much

encouraged. Please speak to Mr Julian van Kan for further information.

**CHORAL EVENSONG** will be held **THIS EVENING** at 5.00pm in St Laurence Church. Do please support this service.

**THE SUMMER LUNCH PARTY** held last Sunday **raised £382.50**. A huge thank you to the Social Committee who worked so hard to create such a magnificent feast. Also thank you to those who supported the lunch.

### **AT YOUR SERVICE**

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