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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service.
4. 6. 2023 - Trinity Sunday,
Year A

Please Note: The Zoom details
for this service are:
Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
Passcode: 5i1UCa

The Sidesmen today are: Kate
Lagden and Diana Ringer

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET
HOME WITH YOU

Hymn

Three in One, and One in Three,
Ruler of the earth and sea,
Hear us while we lift to Thee
Holy chant and psalm.

Light of lights! with morning-shine,
Lift on us Thy light divine;
And let charity benign
Breathe on us her balm.

Light of lights! when falls the
even,
Let it close on sin forgiven;
Fold us in the peace of heaven;
Shed a holy calm.

Three in One, and One in Three,
Dimly here we worship Thee;

With the saints hereafter we
Hope to bear the palm.

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 se-
crets 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 compas-
sion, and acknowledge our trans-
gressions in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Fa-
ther 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, Je-
sus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

***Glory to God***

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants
grace, by the confession of a true
faith, to acknowledge the glory of
the eternal Trinity and in the
power of the divine majesty to
worship the Unity: keep us stead-
fast in this faith, that we may ev-
ermore be defended from all ad-
versities; 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.

**The First Reading read by Anne
Wheelhouse**

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy sceptre claim;
all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain;
everlasting is thy reign.

Hark the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train
joins thy sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow.

And from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who
is to come.

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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, on this special day, we come before you to offer our praise and adoration. You are God, the creator, giving us richly all things to enjoy. You are Christ the Saviour of the world, made flesh to set us free. You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us. You are holy and blessed. One God, eternal Trinity, be near to us the people formed in your image, and close to the world, your love brings to life.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we pray for your church throughout the world, for those that are thriving and those which have lost a sense of direction. We give thanks for our parish and its people, and gladly acknowledge all the gifts you have given us through its life, we ask you to open wide our hearts that we may welcome the stranger and share

our faith with others. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

You, Lord, have chosen men and women to serve you in the ministry of your church and have given them a perfect example in the person of your son. We pray for Justin and Rose our Bishops and Rodney our Vicar.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember all who bear the responsibility of leadership, for heads of state, ambassadors and political advisers. We think today particularly of the leaders of the different factions in Israel and Palestine in the Holy Land. Let your will for our world be accomplished through the decisions they make and give them a vision of peace and reconciliation for you Lord can find a way when men and women are lost. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we pray for peace in the rest of the world, in our communities and our families: create in us a love for peace, not peace that is absent from struggle, nor peace that is blind to injustice but the peace that makes whole what now is broken.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember this morning those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved. We pray for Gillian Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, Colin White, David Winston, Christian Jarvis-Read, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, Geraldine Nurney, Don Buckle. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember those who have died and we pray for all whose life is saddened by the death of a loved one. Be with them in their loneliness and let them know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world a light which no darkness can quench. We pray for

Those recently departed: Joanna Baker, John Garlick, Roy Pringle
And all those whose years' mind occur this month: Emily Arnold, Leila Philips, Colin Patterson, Marguerite Dunlop, Sheila Davis, Patsy Horner, Sandy Jones, Leslie Parsons, Norman French, Peter Maugham, Scarlett Reader,

Ronald Poole, Ray Phillips, David William Potter, Lewis Waghorn

Bring to those who mourn the comfort of your love and the consolation of fond memories of their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, lead us into the coming week, Son of God, help us to believe that you are close to us, Spirit of God, keep us from making mistakes, Triune God, help us never to disappoint you, and when we face hard decisions or difficult work, when we enjoy ourselves and have fun with others may we know that you share these times with us.

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

One God, three Persons, help us to make your way become known upon earth and your saving power among all nations.

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.**

One God, three Persons, you have sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of your kingdom: confirm us in this mission,

and help us to live the good news we proclaim in all that we do and say.

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

The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Hymn

Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
Holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.

Adoration may be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

Threefold and glorious God, in Fatherly joy you created all things through the grace of your Word and the wisdom of your Spirit. In the depth of your love for the world you gave your only Son that all might come to new life in your Spirit. You rolled away the stone by your Fatherly hand and in the power of your Spirit raised your incarnate Son from the dead.

In your Fatherly mercy you breathed your Spirit on the fearful disciples, giving them the fire of your love to live as the body of your Son. And so adoring you with apostles and prophets, with martyrs and saints, with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim and with all your glorious company of bright array, we celebrate your 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.**

Lord God, there is none beside you, you are perfect in power, in love and purity. You invite us to join you at your heavenly banquet that knows no end. In this meal we recall the sacrifice of your Son and the sanctification of your Spirit.

Send that Spirit upon us now, that we may be ready to be your companions, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

Triune God, in the dance of your love we see your nature as utter relationship. Be close to all who struggle in relationship at home, in the workplace, across social divides and national thresholds. As your three persons gaze in shared attention, look upon those whose lives are unrecognised. As they work together in true partnership, uphold any who face the struggles of their life alone.

As they relish one another in deep delight, revitalise those who live without joy or hope. Make your church a community across time and space that enjoys the gift of your life and imitates the wonder of your love, until all come into your presence and gaze upon your glory, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. **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.

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.

If you are a communicant member of another church you are welcome to share with us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, (please indicate if you require a gluten free wafer.)

*The Priest delivers the consecrated bread and wine saying: The Body and Blood of Christ. The communicant may reply **Amen** and then receive. We reply as an act of faith.*

For a Personal Blessing and/or a Special Prayer only, please also go to the High Altar Rail.

Please do not dip the host in the wine.

The Chalice Bearers today are: Alison Jones and Peter Hodges

Communion Hymn

Meekness and majesty,
Manhood and Deity,
In perfect harmony,
The Man who is God.
Lord of eternity

Dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility
And washes our feet.

*O what a mystery,
Meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
For this is your God,
This is your God.*

Father's pure radiance,
Perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience
To death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
Conquering through sacrifice,
And as they crucify
Prays: 'Father forgive.'

*O what a mystery,
Meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
For this is your God,
This is your God.*

Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
In frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
Stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity
To the heights of His throne.

*O what a mystery,
Meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
For this is your God,
This is your God.*

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is
gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Almighty and eternal God, you
have revealed yourself as Father,
Son and Holy Spirit, and live and
reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith, that we
may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eter-
nal glory, who are three Persons
yet one God, now and for ever.

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

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 bless-
ing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the
Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great
name we praise.

Unresting, unceasing, and silent
as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou
rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high
soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of
goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great
and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of
all;
we blossom and flourish as
leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught
changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father
of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling
their sight;
all praise we would render, O help
us to see
'tis only the splendour of light
hideth thee.

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 de-
parted through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. **And rise in glory.
Amen.**

**Please sit for the Organ Volun-
tary**

NOTICES

VILLAGE FETE HELP PLEASE

- St Laurence Church have
been asked to once again organ-
ise the Tea Stall at the Village
Summer Fete, on Saturday 17th
June. We need volunteers to
help with setting up the stall, to
serve the tea as well as dona-
tions of cakes, please. A sign-up
sheet is available on the notice
table - please sign if you are able
to help and indicate if you are
able to donate cake. For further
details speak to Sandra 754459
/ sanrosdreyer1@gmail.com

**THE TEA STALL WILL RUN
FROM 12 TO 5pm so lots of
help is needed, please.**

BOTTLES ARE WANTED FOR THE VILLAGE FETE ON SATURDAY 17th JUNE – the

church choir will be running a ‘Bottle Tombola’ at the fete and would like any type of filled ‘bottle’ for the tombola. There will be a collection box under the table at the side of the church.

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY LUNCH

PARTY – will be held on Sunday 25th June, from 12.30pm.

Tickets are on sale now.

£10 adults & £5 children

Please bring a chair to sit on as the lunch party will be held behind the church.

A cash bar will be available.

REMEMBER

- **Sign up to help on the Tea Stall at the Village Fete**
- **Sign up if you will be making a cake**
- **Bring a bottle for the ‘Bottle Tombola’**
- **Join the Parish Giving Scheme**

AT YOUR SERVICE

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