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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service.

23. 7. 2023 - The Seventh
Sunday after Trinity - Year A

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

The Sidesmen today are: Diana
Hunt and Sylvia Williams

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET
HOME WITH YOU

Hymn (Please stand if you are
able)

God, we praise you! God, we
bless you!

God, we name you sovereign
Lord!

Mighty King whom angels
worship,

Father, by your church adored:

all creation shows your glory,

heaven and earth draw near your
throne

singing 'Holy, holy, holy,

Lord of hosts, and God alone!'

True apostles, faithful prophets,
saints who set their world ablaze,

martyrs, once unknown,
unheeded,
join one growing song of praise,
while your church on earth
confesses
one majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
everlasting Son of God,
humble was your virgin mother,
hard the lonely path you trod:
by your cross is sin defeated,
hell confronted face to face,
heaven opened to believers,
sinners justified by grace.

Christ, at God's right hand
victorious,
you will judge the world you
made;

Lord, in mercy help your servants
for whose freedom you have paid:
raise us up from dust to glory,
guard us from all sin today;

King enthroned above all praises,
save your people, God, we pray.

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love

of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 book of Genesis Genesis 28:10-19

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the

earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed,
who through this weary
pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led;

Our vows, our prayers, we now
present
before thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of
life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.

O spread thy covering wings
around
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.

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

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable
to the crowds, saying:

"The kingdom of heaven may be
likened
to a man who sowed good seed in
his field.

While everyone was asleep his
enemy came
and sowed weeds all through the
wheat, and then went off.

When the crop grew and bore
fruit, the weeds appeared as well.

The slaves of the householder
came to him and said,

'Master, did you not sow good
seed in your field?

Where have the weeds come
from?'

He answered, 'An enemy has
done this.'

His slaves said to him,

'Do you want us to go and pull
them up?'

He replied, 'No, if you pull up the
weeds

you might uproot the wheat along
with them.

Let them grow together until
harvest;

then at harvest time I will say to
the harvesters,

"First collect the weeds and tie
them in bundles for burning;

but gather the wheat into my
barn.'""

He proposed another parable to them.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field.

It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.

It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

He spoke to them another parable.

"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables.

He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfil what had been said through the prophet:

I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house.

His disciples approached him and said,

"Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire,

so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels,

and they will collect out of his kingdom

all who cause others to sin and all evildoers.

They will throw them into the fiery furnace,

where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun

in the kingdom of their Father.

Whoever has ears ought to hear."

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 Sandra Dreyer

Almighty God, as a church we daily pray that "Your Kingdom Come" help us to live in ways that promote its coming. We spend too much of our time trying to build our own human kingdom, putting ourselves, rather than you, the centre our lives. Send your spirit to remind us that you are "First" and others are "Second" and we are "Third".

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Holy God, we pray for your church especially the clergy the churchwardens and PCC members and all those who serve the church here in Hawkhurst. Thank you too for those who provide music, hospitality and flowers; those who assist, serve, read and pray.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Creator God, we thank you for the example of leadership given to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, in his

life on earth. We pray for the renewal of a spirit of humility and a sense of responsibility among leaders of this world that the hungry might be fed and the oppressed might be freed to live in peace.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Father God, we worship you as the one who has given us this life and we ask that you will help us to live it to the full. At home may we be the friends and neighbours that we really want to be. Help us to spread the warmth of your love to everyone we meet. We especially pray at this time for all who visit us and for all who cater for them as they enjoy their holidays.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Mighty God, we thank you for your love and compassion for all who suffer in body, mind and spirit. We pray that your healing presence will calm their fears, ease their pain and bring light into the darkness of all who are sick. We ask that you be with us, and all who need your loving touch at this time

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

We pray for Gillian Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash,

David Winston, Christian Jarvis-Read, Jan Edwards, Geraldine Nurney, Don Buckle, Nigel Lemon, Ray Wicks, Hilary Deller Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Merciful God,, through the ministry of your son Jesus Christ you have freed us from the grip of the tomb. We pray for those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls. We pray too for those bereaved by their passing.

We pray for Those recently departed: Rosemary Lingard

And all those whose years' mind occur this month: Harry Harttrup, Frank Collins, Raymond Dreyer, Mary Porter, George Williams, Grace Dreyer, Biddy Woods, Gloria Cox. Rosemary Whittome, Philip Warner, Alfred Mills, Reginald Wheelhouse, Louisa Shilling

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

Gracious God, hear these prayers we offer you in his name. By the power of your Holy Spirit work within us and among us to bring your kingdom into this world. Let your will be done so that all people may live only for your praise and glory.

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)

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise:
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight,
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood
Which did in Adam fail,

Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail.

And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and His very self
And essence all-divine.

O generous love! that He, who smote

In man for man the foe,
The double agony in man
For man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly,
And on the Cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise:
In ail His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.

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 because we all share
in the one bread.**

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 Alison Parsons

Communion Hymn

There's a wideness in God's
mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's
justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,

and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Saviour,
there is healing in his blood.

But we make God's love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word,
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is
gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Lord God, whose Son is the true
vine and the source of life, ever
giving himself that the world may
live: may we so receive within our-
selves the power of his death and
passion that, in his saving cup, we
may share his glory and be made
perfect in his love; for he is alive
and reigns, 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

Go forth into the world in peace;
of good courage; hold fast that
which is good; render to no one
evil for evil; strengthen the faint-
hearted; support the weak; help
the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing
in the power of the Holy Spirit; 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.

Notices

Hymn (Please stand if you are
able)

God Forgave My Sin In Jesus'
Name

I've Been Born Again In Jesus' Na
And In Jesus' Name I Come To
You

To Share His Love As He Told Me
To

*He Said: 'Freely, Freely, You
Have Received
Freely, Freely Give*

*Go In My Name, And Because
You Believe
Others Will Know That I Live.'*

All Power Is Given In Jesus'
Name
In Earth And Heaven In Jesus'
Name
And In Jesus' Name I Come To
You
To Share His Power As He Told
Me To

*He Said: 'Freely, Freely, You
Have Received
Freely, Freely Give
Go In My Name, And Because
You Believe
Others Will Know That I Live.'*

God gives us life in Jesus' name
he lives in us in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his peace as he told me
to

*He Said: 'Freely, Freely, You
Have Received
Freely, Freely Give
Go In My Name, And Because
You Believe
Others Will Know That I Live.'*

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

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 col-
lecting and accounting for regular
and / or planned giving changed
from the end of April 2023. Infor-
mation packs are available at the
side of the church. Your partici-
pation in the new scheme is very
much encouraged. Please speak
to Mr Julian van Kan for further
information.

THE NEXT BREAKFAST TALK
will be at 9.30am. on Saturday
30th September.

***The talk will be given by Nicho-
las
Holtam, former Bishop of
Salisbury.***

The title of the talk will be:

***'Creationtide – Everything,
Everywhere, All the Time'***

The Patronal Festival Eucharist for St. Laurence will take place at 10am. on the 13th August to celebrate and give thanks for the blessings of our common life of faith here in the parish. Prosecco and Cake will be served after the service.

Loaves and Fishes

You can still leave items on the Vicarage doorstep for the food bank as the summer holiday is coming up and stocks will be depleted. Thank you.

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