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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service.

30. 7. 2023 - The Eighth 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: Kate
Lagden and Diana Ringer

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET
HOME WITH YOU

Hymn (Please stand if you are
able)

We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honor dwells;
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excels.

It is the house of prayer
Wherein Thy servants meet;
And Thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the sacred font;
For there the holy Dove
To pour is ever wont
His blessings from above.

We love Thine altar, Lord;
Oh, what on earth so dear?
For there, in faith adored
We find Thy presence near.

We love the Word of life,
The Word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife,
And joys that never cease.

We love to sing below
For mercies freely giv'n;
But, oh, we long to know
The triumph song of Heav'n.

Lord Jesus, give us grace
On earth to love Thee more,
In Heav'n to see Thy face,
And with Thy saints adore.

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

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be

preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Stephen Ringer

A reading from the book of Genesis **Genesis 29:15-28**

Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give

her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;

Their soul is Christ's abode.
The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men
Their Pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth Himself impart;
And for His cradle and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we Thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for Thee.

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 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a
treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides
again,
and out of joy goes and sells all
that he has and buys that field.
Again, the kingdom of heaven is
like a merchant

searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a pearl of great
price,
he goes and sells all that he has
and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is
like a net thrown into the sea,
which collects fish of every kind.
When it is full they haul it ashore
and sit down to put what is good
into buckets.

What is bad they throw away.
Thus it will be at the end of the
age.

The angels will go out and sepa-
rate the wicked from the righteous
and throw them into the fiery fur-
nace,
where there will be wailing and
grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these
things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied,

"Then every scribe who has been
instructed in the kingdom of
heaven

is like the head of a household
who brings from his storeroom
both the new and the old."

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 Anne Wheelhouse

Everlasting God, may the worship of your Church throughout the world be attentive and expectant, ready to be set on fire again and again with the outrageous foolishness of loving, without exceptions and without limits.

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

Creator God, may all that encourages the people of the world in goodness, honesty and compassion be blessed and grow; may all that encourages self-seeking and cruelty, prejudice and deceit wither and be exposed as the unsatisfying in our walk with you. May we learn from one another's cultures and respect one another's differences.

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

Holy God, we continue to pray for King Charles, Queen Camilla and every member of the Royal family. May all things belonging to the Holy Spirit continue to live and grow in them.

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

Father God, we thank you for the joy of human love, and for all those among whom we live and work. We pray particularly for loved ones who worry us with their health, or circumstances, or life direction. We pray for those among our friends and families who do not know You, or whose faith has been shaken.

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

Loving God, we pray for all whose backgrounds make belief in a loving God laughable or terrifying.

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

Healing God, we pray for all who suffer mental or emotional anguish and those who despair. We pray for those facing another day of pain, another day of hunger, another day of fear. We pray for Gillian Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winston, Christian Jarvis-Read, Jan Edwards, Geraldine Nurney, Don Buckle, Nigel Lemon, Ray Wicks.

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

Merciful God, gather into your eternal kingdom all who have come to the end of this earthly life

and rejoice to see you as you really are. We remember all whom we love but can no longer see, and thank you for your overarching love and undergirding faithfulness to us.

We pray for Those recently departed: Joan Kent

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)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,

he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;

be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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 tempta-
tion; 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 sacra-

mentally, 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:
Brian Elliott and Charles Vernede

Communion Hymn

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you 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)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou for ever wilt be.

Refrain:

***Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy
and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that
endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer
and to guide;
Strength for to-day and bright
hope for to-morrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside!

Refrain

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.

THE NEXT BREAKFAST TALK

will be at 9.30am. on Saturday 30th September.

The talk will be given by Nicholas 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.

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

The GDPR Privacy Notices for St Laurence Church can be found on the church website. Please ask the churchwardens if you have any questions or would like a paper copy of these notices.

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