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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service.

27.8. 2023 - The Twelfth Sunday
after Trinity

Please Note: The Zoom details
for this service are:
Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
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The Sidesmen today are: Diana
Ringer and Kate Lagden

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET
HOME WITH YOU

Hymn (Please stand if you are
able)

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 every 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 every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder,
men see her sore 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!

The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate
her,
and false sons in her pale,
against the foe or traitor
she ever shall prevail.

'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.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy!
Lord give us grace that we,

like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with Thee.

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

When Christ appears we shall be
like him, because we shall see
him as he is. As he is pure, all who
have grasped this hope make
themselves pure. So let us
confess our sins that mar his
image in us.

Confession

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord,
is in the heavens, and your
faithfulness reaches to the clouds:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Your righteousness is like the
strong mountains, and your
justice as the great deep:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For with you is the well of life and
in your light shall we see light:
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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Clive Dewing - Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

The LORD's my Shepherd, I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' death's
dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnishéd
in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.´

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my beloved Son, with
whom I am well pleased; listen to
him.

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 when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 Robin Crowther

Everlasting God, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ and for revealing him as Messiah and Saviour of the World. Thank you that your Son gave St Peter the keys to the kingdom as a reward for his lively and outspoken faith and so became the bedrock foundation of your church here on earth.

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

Everlasting God, we thank you for our church leaders; locally in our parish and Diocese and throughout the Anglican Communion. We pray for all who preach your word, inspire, lead and grow us as disciples as we reach out to those in need in our communities and in our world.

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

Creator God, we pray for our world leaders; for the Royal Families of Great Britain, for the Commonwealth and for the United Nations. We also pray for our national and community leaders and those in public office.

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

Father God, we pray for our children and grandchildren who

are returning back to school, colleges and universities to continue their education, help us pass on to them the wisdom that has been passed down to us from the generations before us. Help all students in their daily lessons; give them the wisdom to listen and learn. Help their teachers and give them patience and knowledge to teach well and help them all as together they learn the lessons of life.

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

Loving God, we ask for your wisdom to discern your wishes and direction in our lives and ask for your help to discern how to deal with others in our daily lives; those we live and work with; those we meet in shops and supermarkets; those with whom we share our roads and those who serve us in cafes and restaurants. May we never be a “stumbling block” to those we meet in our daily lives.

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

Gracious God, we pray for all who we know who are housebound and in nursing homes; those in hospitals, in recovery and rehabilitation. We thank you for our local hospitals, health centres and clinics and for all those

working in sheltered accommodation and care homes. We pray for Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winston, Christian Jervis-Read, Jan Edwards, Geraldine Nurney, Don Buckle, Nigel Lemon, Ray Wicks, Hilary Deller, Georgie Whitaker.

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

Merciful God, we pray for all those departed this life and for those who are bereaved by their passing. Help us to be sympathetic, caring and loving with the bereaved and always ready to help practically and to pray diligently in their time of greatest need. We pray for those recently departed: Gillian Robinson

And all those whose years’ mind occur this month: Carol Anne Larkin, Olivia Mason, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Douglas Nurney, Eric Warren, Gordon Garwood-Warren, Eunice Botha, William Livermore, Gerald Abbey, Frederick Skeet, Spencer Marriott, Jack Osborn, Richard Jennings, Kenneth Mallion, Gwendolen Joan Clarkson.

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

Holy God, we thank you that your wisdom not only to enlightens us

but transforms us and guides us as we go from this place of worship and into our daily walk through life with you.

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

The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
no, let us be your guests and with you dine;
at your own table now be manifest in your own sacrament of bread and wine.

We meet as in the upper room they met;
now at the table, blessing, yet you stand:

'This is my body': this you give us yet;

faith still receives the cup as from your hand.

One body we, one body who partake,
one church united in communion blessed;
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,
with all your saints on earth and saints at rest.

One with each other, Lord, and one in you,
who are one Saviour and one living head;
open our eyes to see with vision true;
be known to us in breaking of the bread.

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: Felicity Robinson and Peggy Stone

Communion Hymn

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my
song;
This Cornerstone, this solid
Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm.
What heights of love, what depths
of peace,
When fears are stilled, when
strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on
flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and
righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to
save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness
slain:

Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of
Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of
man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll
stand.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is
gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

God of all mercy, in this eucharist

you have set aside our sins and
given us your healing: grant that
we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this
broken world, in the name of
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

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine
upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up the light of his
countenance upon you
and give you his peace;
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)

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think, or speak, or do.

The task Thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.

Preserve me from my calling's snare,
And hide my simple heart above,
Above the thorns of choking care,
The gilded baits of worldly love.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
And labor on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.

Give me to bear Thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to Thy glorious day.

For Thee delightfully employ
Whate'er Thy bounteous grace hath given;
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to Heaven.

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.

LOAVES AND FISHES

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

THE NEXT BREAKFAST TALK

- will be at 9.30am. on Saturday 30th September. For catering purposes, please sign the sheet at the side of the church if you intend to come to the talk.

*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’***

RIDE+STRIDE for Churches annual event takes place on Saturday 9 September. 10.00am to 6.00pm. **We need volunteers to raise sponsorship money** by either cycling, walking (striding) or you can raise sponsorship for being a ‘Welcomer’ sitting in the church for how many hours you wish to on the day. The money raised is used to pay grants to Kent churches. For more details and sponsorship forms speak to Sandra or email sanrosdreyer1@gmail.com

PARISH LUNCH - on Sunday September 10th Diana and Stephen Ringer will be cooking a delicious lunch which will be served in the church: Hot meal with Vegan Option and wine. Start time at 12:30.

Please bring own cutlery and plates.

£10 each, Under 12's £5, Under 5's free, families by negotiation. Donations of desserts welcome, please check with Diana (so we do not get e.g. 17 apple crumbles!)

Sign -up sheet on the table at the side of the church.

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.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHURCH KITCHEN

As you are aware the Church kitchen is undergoing a refurbishment. We are most grateful to a very generous benefactor who is supporting the project. We have incurred a few extra plumbing and decorating costs and would be grateful if anyone would like to give us an additional donation (however small) to help pay for this work. **ALI and LIZ** would like to thank those parishioners who have already kindly donated to the project.

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