

DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY
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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service.

29.10.2023 - The Twenty First
Sunday after Trinity

Please Note: The Zoom details
for this service are:
Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
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Thank you to Rachael Ringer
who is managing the Virtual
Organ today

The Sidesmen today are: Kate
Lagden and Diana Ringer

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET
HOME WITH YOU

Hymn (Please stand if you are
able)

Lead, Kindly Light, amid the
encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far
from home —
Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask
to see
The distant scene, — one step
enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that
Thou
Should'st lead me on.

I loved to choose and see my
path; but now
Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite
of fears,
Pride ruled my will: remember not
past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me,
sure it still
Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and
torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel
faces smile
Which I have loved long since,
and lost awhile.

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 God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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
Sandra Dreyer - Exodus 22:20-26**

A Reading from the the book of Exodus

Thus says the LORD:

"You shall not molest or oppress an alien,

for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt.

You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.

If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me,

I will surely hear their cry.

My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword;

then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbours among my people,

you shall not act like an extortioner toward him

by demanding interest from him.

If you take your neighbour's cloak as a pledge,

you shall return it to him before sunset;

for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body.

What else has he to sleep in?

If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual 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!

The Lord hath promised good to me,

His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures.

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 first begun.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Alleluia, 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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees,

they gathered together, and one of them,

a scholar of the law tested him by asking,

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him,

"You shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

The Reflection

Nicene Creed

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 men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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 Peter Wyllie

Everlasting God, you made a covenant with our ancestors and pledged them descendants more numerous than the stars. Grant that all people may share in the blessings of your covenant, accomplished through the death and resurrection of your Son and sealed by the gift of your Spirit. Amen.

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

Loving God, we hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dearly as our own needs. Help us to love you with all our hearts and with all our souls and with all our minds and to love our neighbours as ourselves. With these commandments before us we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church throughout the world.

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

Creator God, we pray for the peoples of the world that they may enjoy un-perverted justice whether they be poor or rich, great or small. We pray that those who use violence and terror to bring about their desires and those who then so readily seek revenge following acts of terrorism may instead pursue all that makes for peace.

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

Father God, we thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for modern technology which enables us to hear and see them so easily and to keep in touch even though separated by great distances. We especially pray at this time for those friends and family members in the UK as they

enjoy a half-term break from schools and colleges.

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

Holy God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has loosened our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift before you for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. We pray for Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winston, Christian Jervis-Read, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, Nigel Lemon, Ray Wicks, Hilary Deller, Georgie Whitaker, Helen Whitaker.

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

Loving God of all consolation, your Son Jesus was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on those bereaved and grieving at the loss of a loved one; give to their troubled hearts the light of hope and strengthen in all of us the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray for those recently departed: Ken Davis

And for all those whose years' mind occur this month:

Michelle Berge, Mary Howarth, Raymond John Denney, John Velvick, Tim Morton, Janusz Kent, Janina Misayat, Christopher

Denne, Pat Bassant, Philip Sheldon, Arthur Horner, Patricia Travers, Janet Attwood, Alan Collins, Dorothy Heady, Andrew Burke – Smith.

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

Holy God, as we prepare for the week to come, help us to know Christ and the power of his resurrection day by day and in the sharing of his sufferings to become more like him in his death.

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

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)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;

enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving
Spirit

into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit,

let us find the promised rest.

Take away our love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;

end of faith, as its beginning,

set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;

let us all Thy life receive;

suddenly return and never,

nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
glory,

serve Thee as Thy hosts above;

pray, and praise Thee without

ceasing,

glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation;

pure and spotless let us be;

let us see Thy great salvation

perfectly restored in Thee.

Changed from glory into glory,

till in heav'n we take our place,

till we cast our crowns before

Thee,

lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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 accepta-

ble to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacri-

fyce 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.....:*

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 re-
ceive 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 righteous-
ness, 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:
Brian Elliott and Charles Vernede*

Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,

and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for, with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descanted
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in 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)

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

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 - Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring - J S Bach

The week ahead - 29th October to 4th November

29 James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885

31 Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

Alternative dates

Chad may be celebrated with Cedd on 26 October instead of 2 March.

November

1 All Saints' Day

2 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

3 Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600

3 Martin of Porres, Friar, 1639

NOTICES

YEARS' MIND LIST - If there are any departed loved ones whose names you would like to add to our Years' Mind List, please give their names to Fr. Rodney, Ali or Liz.

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 HUMAN JOURNEY - a new small group course in the parish of St. Laurence, Hawkhurst, for November 2023 and January 2024

We all have questions about health: Will my child be healthy? What if I get cancer? Why do I sometimes feel so down? What about dementia in my later years?

Today we see the health needs of different countries in more details than ever before. How are we to be good neighbours in the global community?

Almost every day brings reports of new advances in medical technology. But how can we decide whether it's right to use them?

The Human Journey sets out a framework for thinking about these issues biblically. In an ever-changing world, the Bible's timeless truths offer a firm foundation to engage with health-related questions. Above all, our questions about health and wellbeing need to be seen in the greater context of God's design for humanity, the universe and everything - God's plan to unite all things under Jesus Christ.

The book issued accompanies an eight-part course which aims to equip Christians to think biblically and theologically about health and to encourage better incorporation of healthcare expertise into church life and ministry. It can be read alone, but will be most useful explored and discussed in the context of the course.

The Course is put together by the Christian Medical Fellowship.

Sign-up sheet on the table at the side of the church if you are interested.

PARISH LUNCH - on Sunday November 26th 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, for example, 17 apple crumbles!)

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – will be held on Friday 8th, Sat 9th and Sun 10th December.

AT YOUR SERVICE

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Brian and Rachel Elliott

Celebrate their
Ruby Wedding
Anniversary on
31st October.

They would like
to invite every-
one to join
them for a glass
of prosecco af-
ter this service.



CONGRATULATIONS