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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service.

14.1.2024 -The Second Sunday
of Epiphany

Please Note: The Zoom details
for this service are:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
Passcode: 5i1UCa

The Sidesmen today are: Jean
Elliott and Diana Ringer

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET
HOME WITH YOU

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.

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

Seek the Lord while he may be
found,
Call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked abandon their ways

And the unrighteous their thoughts.

Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;

To our God who will richly pardon.

A time of silence and self-examination may be kept.

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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
Charles Vernede**

**A reading from the first book of
Samuel Chapter 3**

Samuel was sleeping in the
temple of the LORD
where the ark of God was.
The LORD called to Samuel, who
answered, "Here I am."
Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here
I am. You called me."

"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go
back to sleep."

So he went back to sleep.
Again the LORD called Samuel,
who rose and went to Eli.

"Here I am," he said. "You called
me."

But Eli answered, "I did not call
you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not
familiar with the LORD,
because the LORD had not
revealed anything to him as yet.
The LORD called Samuel again,
for the third time.

Getting up and going to Eli, he
said, "Here I am. You called me."
Then Eli understood that the
LORD was calling the youth.
So he said to Samuel, "Go to
sleep, and if you are called, reply,
Speak, LORD, for your servant is
listening."

When Samuel went to sleep in his
place,
the LORD came and revealed his
presence,
calling out as before, "Samuel,
Samuel!"

Samuel answered, "Speak, for
your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD
was with him,
not permitting any word of his to
be without effect.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual 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,
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.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Come to me, all you who labour
and are burdened,
And I will give you rest, says the
Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John, Chapter
1 beginning at verse 43

Glory to Christ our Lord

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe[a] because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

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 Fa-
ther,
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 salva-
tion
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Vir-
gin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was bur-
ied.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scrip-
tures;
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 choose peo-
ple to send forth as workers into
your vineyard, the world that you
trusted to us as stewards. You
spoke to awaken Samuel with
Your call, and so we ask you to
open the ears of your chosen
ones. Hear us now as we pray for
the church and the world.

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

Creator God, you called Abram to
be the father of many nations, and
so we pray for the nations of our
world and their leaders. We con-
tinue to pray for peace in your

world, and especially for those involved in the process of reconciliation and bridge-building between peoples, cultures or nations. Help us wherever and whenever we can in our everyday lives to be instruments of your peace.

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

Father God, you called Moses, to be the shepherd who led the Israelites from Egypt, help us all to be worthy pastors of your flock here in our church. We pray for our families, our friends and our neighbours and all who are part of our pastoral care both here, in the Costa Blanca Chaplaincy and in the rest of the world.

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

Loving God you called the Apostles to be ambassadors for Christ and gave them the power to heal. Help us to bring healing by our visits, our care and our prayers that we may strengthen the spirits of those we love especially in times of sickness or distress. We pray for Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, Ray Wicks, John Tanner, Hilary Deller, Georgie Whitaker, Helen Whitaker, Brian Elliott.

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

Merciful God, your son Jesus Christ wept at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Be with us in our mourning as we pray for all who are coming to the end of their journey here on earth and for all those who have died and now rejoice in the fullness of eternal life. We pray for John Hunt, Christian Jarvis-Read, Raymond John Collins, Nigel Lemon and those whose years' minds occur at this month: Jack Travers, Evelyn Waghorn, Eleftheria Corfield, William Butler, Hilary Wood, Cecille Mallinson, Lily Collins, Malcolm Dreyer, Richard Dyke, Jane Barker, Olaf Phillips, Doris Bird, Gilbert French, Rosaline Beeny, William Fawcett, Stephen Barker, Isoline Vaughan, Hylda Reynolds, Kathleen Wood, Sheila Maugham, Sylvia Smith, Prudence Bilsby, Leila Wood

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

Faithful God, we rejoice in the call to belong to the Church, to believe in the Gospel, and to be united with the successors of your Apostles. Send us out into the coming week ready to demonstrate our calling 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

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of
God. We meet in the name of
Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you

And also with you.

**Hymn (Please stand if you are
able)**

When morning gilds the sky,
our hearts awaking cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
in all our work and prayer
we ask his loving care:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word on high,
the hosts of angels cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals too upraise
their voices in hymns of praise:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, when day is past,
of all our thoughts the last:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Then let us join to sing
to Christ, our loving King:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

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-
fice 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 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:
Sandra Dreyer and Felicity Robinson

Communion Hymn

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Savior, bathe me in thy tide;
Wash me with water flowing from his side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be;
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Hear me, Lord Jesus, listen as I pray;
"Lead me from night to never ending day.
Fill all the world with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine."

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious
God's mercy endures for ever.

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory

may shine in all the world. We ask this 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

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts and fill your lives with his joy and peace, and the blessing.....

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Notices

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;

to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever;
that name to us is love.

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

The week ahead:

17 Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356

17 Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection.
1932

18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18 Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer,
1951

19 Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

20 Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349

NOTICES

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST at Bowles Lodge ~ 10.00 am.
Please do join us.

MR JOHN HUNT A service of thanksgiving for John will take place at St Laurence on Friday 26th January at 2.30 p.m.

ALTAR SERVERS if you would like to become an Altar Server please speak to Father Rodney or Mrs Rachel Elliott (01580 714442), who will tell you more

about the expectations of this role.

LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY is next Sunday, 21st January. There will be a box underneath the table at the side of the church for donations to the food bank.

AT YOUR SERVICE

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