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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist
Service.

11.2.2021- The First Sunday
before Lent

Details for the Zoom Service:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

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The sidemen today are: Diana
Hunt and Ali Jones

Welcome

Hymn

Angel voices ever singing
round Thy throne of light,
angel harps, forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless Thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that Thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we feel that Thou art near us
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

Yea, we know Thy love rejoices
o'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and
voices
for Thy praise combine;

craftsman's art and music's
measure
for Thy pleasure didst design.

Here, great God, today we offer
of Thine own to Thee;
and for Thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and
voices
in our choicest melody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity:
of the best that Thou hast given
earth and heaven render 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

God so loved the world that he
gave his only Son Jesus Christ to
save us from our sins, to be our

advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; 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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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.

First Reading - read by Rachel Elliott

A reading from the second book of Kings Chapter two beginning at the first verse

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” And he

replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on. Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied. “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.” As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and

Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past!
Promise of things to be!
We hail your body glorified,
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
We see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

Gospel

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has arisen in our midst,

God has visited his people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

A reading from the gospel according to Mark, chapter nine, beginning at the second verse

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them

orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

The Reflection

The 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 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 Stephen Ringer

Almighty God, at the Transfiguration you showed Jesus in a new state of glory and gave His disciples a glimpse of what they would see in his risen life. As we worship together week by week help us to get a glimpse of your heavenly kingdom as well as a deeper understanding of how your son, Jesus, can transfigure our broken and unfulfilled lives.

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

Holy God, we thank you for calling us to your service, we thank you for times of laughter and joy; for a renewal of spiritual awareness; for allowing all to grow in knowledge and understanding of the mission and ministry of the Church. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, give your wisdom and heavenly grace to all bishops, and priests and deacons, especially Bishops Justin and Rose and to all others who hold office in your church, that, by their service, faith may abound and your kingdom increase. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, as we pray for your world we ask that you take from us all hatred and prejudice. Give

us the spirit of love, for all people whatever their race or creed and give the same spirit of acceptance to all world leaders that through mutual understanding and common endeavour peace and prosperity may be increased throughout the world.

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

Loving God, with the grace of your holy spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for their faith. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on those who are ill. Give consolation to those in sorrow or mourning and as you take them into your tender care help may they be strengthened by the power of your love. We pray for: Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, John Tanner, Hilary Deller, Georgie Whitaker, Brian Elliott.

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

Merciful God, we pray for all who have died; especially those who, by the example of their lives, encouraged us in our faith. As we pray for them, may they, in turn, continue to pray for us so that we

may stay true to our faith and give the example of ourselves to others.

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

We pray for the recently departed: Ray Wicks, Christian Jervis-Read, Raymond George Collins, Nigel Lemon, Helen Whitaker and those whose years' minds occur at this month: William Crouch, Michael French, Charles Bladon, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Jane Coleman, Michael Buss, Albert Collins, Victor Botha, Joan Maskell, Brian Kingcome, Martin Chubb, Desna Harries, Christobel Van der Hoeven, Leslie Corfield, Marjorie Addyman, Norman Sheldon, Christian Solari, Margaret Skeet. Doris Ringer, Jean King, David Weeks, Betty Hazel, Arthur Jeffery. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, as we leave this house of worship today, help us to take with us all that we have heard during our time together, may those words be grafted onto our hearts and produce in us the fruits of a good life, to the praise and honour of your Holy Name.

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

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move

at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every power

as thou shalt choose,

every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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:
Peggy Stone and Charles Vernede

Communion Hymn

O thou, who at thy first Eucharist did pray

That all thy Church might be forever one,

Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."

O may we all one bread, one body be,

Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;

Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;

Draw us the nearer each, to each we plead,

By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;

Thus may we all one bread, one body be,

Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

We pray thee, too, for wand'ers from thy fold;

O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,

Back to the faith which saints believed of old,

Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;

Soon may we all one bread, one body be,

Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,

May we be one with all thy Church above,

One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,

One with thy saints in one unbounded love;

More blessed still in peace and love to be

One with the Trinity in Unity.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through 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

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 ...

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shade of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till Thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my
heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more Thyself display,

shining to the perfect day.

We listen to the organ voluntary

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The Sanctoral Cycle for the week ahead

- 14 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885
- 14 Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269
- 15 Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045
- 15 Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730
- 17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977

NOTICES

BOWLES LODGE – Please join us on Wednesdays at 10 am.

SERVERS WANTED – if you are interested in becoming an Altar server. Please speak to Mrs Rachel Elliott or Father

Rodney who will explain more about the role.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER-

On Friday 1st March St. Laurence is hosting World Day of Prayer 2024. 12.00 – 2.00pm. Service prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine. 'I beg you, bear with one another in love'.

12.00 Lenten lunch

12.30 Short talk (speaker tbc)

1.15 Service

Lunch will be served at 12 noon followed by a talk on Palestine and a service, ending at 2pm.

Please support this ecumenical event.

Offers of help with food are welcomed. Please sign up.

Norma Crowe.