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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist
Service
3.3.2024- The Third Sunday in
Lent

CHORAL
EVENSONG TODAY
AT 5 pm in St
Laurence Church

THE ZOOM DETAILS FOR THIS
SERVICE ARE:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
Passcode: 5i1UCa

*The sidemen today are: Kate
Lagden and Diana Ringer*

Hymn:

Jesus, where'er your people
meet,
there they behold your mercy
seat;
where'er they seek you, you are
found,
and ev'ry place is hallowed
ground.

For you, within no walls confined,
are dwelling in the humble mind;
such ever bring you where they
come,
and going, take you to their home.

Dear Shepherd of your chosen
few,
your former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts
proclaim
the sweetness of your saving
name.

Here may we prove the pow'r of
pray'r
to strengthen faith and sweeten
care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heav'n before our
eyes.

Lord, we are few, but you are
near;
nor short your arm, nor deaf your
ear;
O rend the heav'ns, come quickly
down,
and make a thousand hearts your
own.

Welcome:

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the universe!
From the rising of the sun to its
setting your name is proclaimed in
all the world.

The Lord of glory be with you.

And also with you

We confess our sins

As we kneel before God, we open
our hearts in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

Christ came in humility to share our lives: forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with Good News for all people: forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering: forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

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My friends, the Light of Christ comes not to blind us but to save us. Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners. In his name we declare: **Our sins are forgiven! Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Opening prayer:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.**

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 Anne Wheelhouse

Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water,

the people grumbled against Moses,

saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?

Was it just to have us die here of thirst

with our children and our livestock?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!"

The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people,

along with some of the elders of Israel,

holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river.

I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb.

Strike the rock, and the water will
flow from it
for the people to drink.”

This Moses did, in the presence of
the elders of Israel.

The place was called Massah and
Meribah,
because the Israelites quarrelled
there

and tested the LORD, saying,
“Is the LORD in our midst or not?”

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come
from heav'n,
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned
and died
for love of those who loved Him
not.

I cannot tell how He could love
a child so weak and full of sin;
His love must be most wonderful
if He could die my love to win.

I sometimes think about the cross,
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of
thorns,
and Jesus crucified for me.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see

my love for Him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love Thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love Thee more and
more,
until I see Thee as Thou art.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Listen to the good news
proclaimed in the Gospel
according to John

Glory to Christ our Lord

When it was almost time for the
Jewish Passover, Jesus went up
to Jerusalem. In the temple courts
he found people selling cattle,
sheep and doves, and others
sitting at tables exchanging
money. So he made a whip out of
cords, and drove all from the
temple courts, both sheep and
cattle; he scattered the coins of
the money changers and
overturned their tables. To those
who sold doves he said, “Get
these out of here! Stop turning my
Father's house into a market!” His
disciples remembered that it is
written: “Zeal for your house will
consume me.”

The Jews then responded to him,
“What sign can you show us to
prove your authority to do all
this?”

Jesus answered them, “Destroy
this temple, and I will raise it again
in three days.”

They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to Christ our Lord

Reflection

**Father, we adore you,
Lay our lives before you,
How we love you!**

**Jesus, we adore you,
Lay our lives before you,
How we love you!**

**Spirit, we adore you,
Lay our lives before you,
How we love you!**

Prayers of the Church led by Jane Cooper

Everlasting God, be with us in this time of prayer, and help us to feel your presence. Mindful of the Commandments that you gave to Moses we pray that you would be worshipped above all else in our land and that we can at all times be given the strength to reject the idolatry of our secular world.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God we pray for the church throughout the world and especially for our Parish. We give thanks for all baptised Christians and for their ministry Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for the governments of the world and all world leaders, that they may always seek for peaceful solutions in their dealings with other nations and rule their own countries with compassion and justice. We continue to pray for the people of the world ravaged by strife and discord Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our families, friends and neighbours and for the people with whom we work or share our daily lives. We pray for those who are lonely, those isolated because of age or ill-health, and those who find it difficult to make friends or be accepted.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for all who are in pain or are suffering at this time. We remember especially those who are facing long or incurable illnesses. In a moment of quietness we pray for them, and any we know who are in any kind of need at this time. 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 those we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, May they rest in peace and rise in glory. We remember before God those who have recently died especially Ray Wicks, Helen Whitaker. We pray too for those whose anniversaries of death occur this month: Spencer Charles Edwards, Douglas Brown, Kathryn Louise Bembridge, Norma Fogarty, Frances Vaughan, William Bennett,

Joseph William Ringer, Kitty Weguelin, William David Potter, Peter Lewis, Winifred Richard, Brian Lawrence, Lily Collins, Gillian Appelbe, Brian Piper, Mandy Jones, Freda Griffin, Mihael Corp, Barney Underwood. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, as we go out from our worship into the Marketplace which is our world we thank you for the help you give us to resist the temptations that will assail in the weeks ahead.

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

The Peace

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

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.

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 him thanks and praise

Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?

We give thanks for all that God has done for us.

God the Father created the heavens, the earth and everything in them; and created us in his own image.

Let us give thanks and praise

Christ our Lord became human like us, and died to save us.

Let us give thanks and praise

God sent the Holy Spirit to gather us together as the people of God

Let us give thanks and praise

So come let us join together to worship this God who loves

We 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.**

Please sit/kneel

We praise you Father that before Jesus our Saviour suffered and died, he gave us this holy meal to share and told us to continue it until he comes again.

Why do we eat bread together at this table?

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Why do we drink from the cup together at this table?

In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup, saying. "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me"

What do we remember at this table?

We remember the Father's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

We sing:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be

made one with Christ and with one another. **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.**

The Fraction

We break this Bread to share in the body of Christ

**Though we are many we are
one body because we all share
in one Bread**

The Agnus Dei

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.

This 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 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

For a Personal Blessing and/or a Special Prayer only, please also go to the High Altar Rail.

The Chalice Bearers are: Alison Parsons and Peter Hodges

Communion Hymn

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

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people
grace to withstand the
temptations of the world, the flesh
and the devil, and with pure
hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Blessing

May God the Father keep you in
all your days.

May God the Son shield you in all
your ways.

May God the Spirit bring you
healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all
darkness from you

and pour upon you blessing and
light, now and always. **Amen**

Notices

Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,

let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

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.

*We sit to listen to the Organ
Voluntary*

The Sanctoral Cycle for the coming week

7 Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

8 Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910

8 Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647

8 Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929

NOTICES

SIDESMEN - If you would like to take part in sidesmen duties, please tell Ali and we will add your name to the next duty rota, commencing in May.

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

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

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