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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service

07.04.2024- The Second Sunday
of Easter

Zoom details

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

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

As we gather and prepare to join
in worship together, music is
played on the organ.

Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to
shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no
more.

To him shall endless prayer be
made,
and praises throng to crown his
head.

His name like sweet perfume shall
rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every
tongue

dwell on his love with sweetest
song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he
reigns:

the prisoners leap to lose their
chains,

the weary find eternal rest,

and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Alleluia, Christ is risen

He is risen indeed, Alleluia

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

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new
life. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our
sins. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

The Gloria

We sing: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

***Gloria to God, Gloria to God,
Gloria 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.

Gloria 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.
Gloria 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.

Gloria to God

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Silence is kept.

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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.

First Reading - read by Claire Roberts

Acts 4:32-36

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common.

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favour was accorded them all.

There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;

make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to Christ our Lord

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and

do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

The Reflection

The 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 and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the
Virgin 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 worshiped 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 Stephen Ringer

Confident that the Lord's love for us has no end, we bring to the Lord our needs and the needs of the whole world.

For those who serve and lead in the Church, especially Bishop Justin and Bishop Rose, that they may follow the example of Christ, the good shepherd. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

For all leaders in local, national and international government, that God will lead them into all truth. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

For all the members of the caring professions, that the Lord's compassion may be visible in them. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

For young people deciding how they will spend their lives, that they may consider serving God's people. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

For farmers, shepherds and those who work on the land, that they may show respect for all of God's creation. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

For people who call on the name of the Lord Jesus in their sufferings, that they may experience

God's healing power. We pray for Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, Nigel Barter, John Tanner, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, Geraldine Nurney, Hilary Deller, David Winstone, Brian Elliott, Les Dickson and Hannah. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

For all who have gone before us in faith especially Those recently departed:

Those whose Years' Mind occur this month:

Thomas William Barker, Olive Fitzpatrick, Brenda Bladon, Jimmy Dunlop, Edwin Manser, Roger Smith, Richard Hunt, Eileen Sheldon, Lydia Harttrup, Dick Howarth, Elijah Towner, Sheila Radford, Rebecca Barker, Thomas Heady, Elsie Dodson, John Roberts, Anna Towner, Winifred French, Roy Anthony Melham

That they may see God, face to face. Lord, hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

We keep a time of silence as we offer to God our own particular petitions. Merciful Father **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be with you
And also with you

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 in death's dark
vale,
yet will I fear none ill,
for thou art with me and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
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.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

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.**

Be present, be present, Lord Je-
sus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the
breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God

**It is right to give thanks and
praise**

*The Vicar leads us in the proper
preface for today, after which the
congregation joins in saying to-
gether:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of
your glory
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Vicar continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until the words of acclamation:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

The Vicar continues with the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer ending with the words:

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

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 the 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.

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 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.

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 Distribution of Communion

The Chalice bearers today are:

Alison Jones, Kent Harries

Communion Hymn

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from
death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the
prey
alone our leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their
way

where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all:
earth, heav'n and hell before him
bow
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we
sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring,
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for he is
gracious

His mercy endures for ever.

Lord God our Father, through our
Saviour Jesus Christ you have as-
sured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one
with him: deliver us from the death
of sin and raise us to new life in
your love, in the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit, by the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ. **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

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing ...

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia Alleluia

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Alleluia Alleluia

Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore?"

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Here on earth our food, our stay!

Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.

You within the veil have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.

We listen to the organ voluntary.

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A message from Fr. Rodney: Thank you to everyone for your kindness and generosity. It is much appreciated. - Canon Rodney

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The Annual Parish Church

Meeting: This will be held on Sunday April 21st towards the end of the 10 am service. Please collect the annual report on your way out of church today.

Bowles Lodge: Please join us on Wednesdays at 10 am.