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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service

14.4.2024 - The Third Sunday of
Easter, Year B

Details for the Zoom Service if
you wish to follow on Zoom

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

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The sidesmen today are: Diana
Ringer and Jean Elliott

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

Hymn

How sweet the name of Jesus
sounds

in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our
wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian,
friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my
End,

accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought.

Till then I would your love
proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of your name
refresh my soul in death.

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

***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

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory. (Silence is kept).

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.**

First Reading - Acts 3:12-19 read by Charles Vernede

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you

stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim

Good news for men in all the earth;

The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

This gospel message we proclaim:

We sing His glory, tell His worth.

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 Luke

Glory to Christ our Lord

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything

written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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 Father,
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:
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 Norma Crowe**

Living God, long ago, faithful women and men proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Help us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and joy and amazement as real as was theirs when he appeared to them. Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God help us all to play an active part in the vision of St. Laurence Church, ever focusing on Christ's call to all of us to be witnesses and to make disciples of all mankind.

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

Creator God, you gave us a beautiful world to live in and to care for. We know that in many areas our stewardship has been a failure yet, through the victory of Jesus Christ, we know also that you can restore all things in glory; and so we pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles.

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

Father God, we pray for our Parish as we prepare for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting taking place next Sunday, that each of

us might make use of our individual talents enabling your church here to flourish as a witness to the Risen Christ amongst us. Help us to spread the warmth of your love to everyone we meet.

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

Loving God, we pray for those who do not share our Easter joy especially those living in the shadow of darkness and despair and for those whose illness narrows their view of the world. We especially pray for all those who have requested prayer and in the quietness of our hearts we raise before You those who we know who are also in need. We pray for Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, John Tanner, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, Hilary Deller, David Winstone, Les Dickson and Hannah.

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

Merciful God, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited

once more in your heavenly kingdom. 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 Pelham.

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

We keep a time of silence as we offer to God our own particular petitions.

Faithful God, in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can see that we are followers of Christ and children of the most High God, and draw others into his loving care.

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 strife is o'er, the battle won;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head.
Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.

Alleluia!

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 Jesus 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 together:

**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:

Sandra Dreyer and Peggy Stone

Communion Hymn

Jesus, where'er Thy people meet,
There they behold Thy mercy-seat;

Where'er they seek Thee, Thou art found,
With grace and mercy to abound.

For Thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring Thee where they come,
And going, take Thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of Thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here, to our waiting hearts, proclaim
The sweetness of Thy saving Name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer
To strengthen faith and sweeten care;
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring Thy light before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but Thou art near;
Nor short Thine arm, nor deaf Thine ear;
Oh, rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make our waiting hearts Thine own.

Command Thy blessing in this hour;
And as the Spirit full of pow'r
With life and vision fill this place,

That all Thy purpose we may trace.

O Thou, our Head, our Life, our Guide,

May nought in life or death divide
The saints in Thy communion
blessed,
That all Thy fulness be expressed.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious

His mercy endures for ever.

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

there is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:

great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest;

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

join with all nature in manifold witness

to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [*Refrain*]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer
and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope
for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside! [*Refrain*]

We listen to the organ voluntary.

NOTICES

New e-mail address for Fr. Rodney:
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The Annual Parish Church Meeting: This will be held next Sunday (21st April) towards the end of the 10am service. Please ensure that you have collected an annual report from the table at the back of the church.

Nomination forms for PCC members: Nomination forms are to be found at the back of the church.

Electoral Roll forms: If you wish to be on the electoral roll of St Laurence Church please speak to Stephen Ringer. Forms are at the back of the church.

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

AT YOUR SERVICE

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