

DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY **Changed lives - Changing lives**

St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service including the APCM.

21.4.2024- The Fourth Sunday of
Easter, Year B

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

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
Passcode: 5i1UCa

The sidesmen today are:
Alison Jones and Diana Hunt

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

Hymn

Christ is made the sure
foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring

in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call You,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with accustomed lovingkindness,
hear Your servants as they pray;
and Your fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.
Lord, here grant to all Your
servants
what they ask of You to gain,
what they gain from You, forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in Your glory
evermore with You to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
one in might, and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 4:8-12 read
by Anne Wheelhouse**

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit,
said:

"Leaders of the people and
elders:

If we are being examined today
about a good deed done to a
cripple,

namely, by what means he was
saved,

then all of you and all the people
of Israel should know

that it was in the name of Jesus
Christ the Nazarean

whom you crucified, whom God
raised from the dead;

in his name this man stands
before you healed.

He is the stone rejected by you,
the builders,

which has become the
cornerstone.

There is no salvation through
anyone else,

nor is there any other name under
heaven

given to the human race by which
we are to be saved."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!

Hail, Thou Galilean king!

Thou didst suffer to release us;

Thou didst free salvation bring.

Hail, Thou agonizing Saviour,
bearer of our sin and shame!

By Thy merit we find favour;

life is given through Thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,

all our sins on Thee were laid;

by almighty Love anointed,

Thou hast full atonement made:

all Thy people are forgiven

through the virtue of Thy blood;

opened is the gate of heaven;

peace is made 'twixt man and

God.

Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory,

there forever to abide!

All the heav'nly host adore Thee,

seated at Thy Father's side.

There for sinners Thou art

pleading;

there Thou dost our place

prepare;

ever for us interceding,

till in glory we appear.

Worship, honour, pow'r, and

blessing

Thou art worthy to receive;

highest praises, without ceasing,

meet it is for us to give.

Help, ye bright angelic spirits,

bring your sweetest, noblest lays;

help to sing our Saviour's merits;

help to chant Immanuel's praise!

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

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd

and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them.

This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;

and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,

and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own.

I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.

This command I have received from my Father."

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,
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 Sandra Dreyer**

Holy God, your Son remained with his disciples for 40 days after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as friends and neighbours. We too are his disciples and we offer our prayers on behalf of the church, the world in which we live and all those with whom we share it.

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

Loving God, help us as your church here to try to aspire to love with actions and truth and not merely with words or speech.

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

Loving God we pray for all world leaders that, using Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd as the ultimate model of leadership, they would lead and care for their own flocks in such a way that peace might abound, righteousness flourish and injustice be eradicated.

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

Father God, help us to reach out to strangers in our midst. As we remember the way the early Church lived in one heart and mind and shared everything they had may we too in this parish be always mindful of the needs of

others and always welcome the newcomer joyfully into our midst.

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

Loving God we pray for those who do not know your peace and for those who are struggling with their lives. We ask for your healing on those who are sick, your strength for those who are tired and your love for those who live with despair and fear. 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**

Gracious God, we pray for those who now walk in the valley of the shadow of death. We know from the Psalm that you are with them and have gone before them to prepare them a table overflowing with all good things. Guide those who are left behind in the paths of righteousness and uphold them in their sorrow with the assurance of your goodness and love. We pray for:

Those recently departed:
Vernon Selman

We pray for:

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**

Everlasting God, we ask that you would bless us here at St. Laurence with continued vision for the future and reverence for the past. Guide us each day as we minister to one another and to the world. Help us each day to bear witness to your name and to do your bidding, always mindful of your amazing love for us.

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

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living foun-
tains
from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weak-
ness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, dan-
ger,
Father, be thou at our side.

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.

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:
Andrea Higgins and Alison Parsons

Communion Hymn

Lord, who at thy first Eucharist did pray

That all thy Church might be forever one,

Grant us at ev'ry 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'rers 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 he is gracious

His mercy endures for ever.

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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 Service is suspended for the APCM.

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

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We listen to the Organ Voluntary

NOTICES

Bowles Lodge: Service on Wednesdays at 10a.m.. Please do join us.

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