



**ST LAURENCE  
CHURCH,  
HAWKHURST**

**DIocese of CanTerbury**

**THE PARISH EUCHARIST  
19.5.2024**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

*Welcome to St Laurence, whether you regularly worship here or are here for the first time. If you have children, they are welcome to use the area at the back of the church under **Parental** supervision There are toilet facilities at the back of the church.*

*The Zoom details are:  
Meeting ID: 457 244 0784  
Passcode: 5i1UCa*

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**The sidesmen today are Judy Darkins and Diana Ringer**

**INTROIT HYMN:**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the way you love,  
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life  
for all eternity.

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

**WE GATHER**

Alleluia Christ is risen  
**He is risen indeed Alleluia**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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.**

**PRAYER OF PENITENCE**

*The Priest introduces the Prayer of Penitence*

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

*(Silence is kept)*

**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.**

*We sing:*

**Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy  
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.**

*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 .....***

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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**

*(Please sit)*

**The first reading read by Rachel Elliott**

*'A reading from the book of Acts*

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travellers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**GRADUAL HYMN:**

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our mortal sight.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but one;  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song:

Praise to thine eternal merit,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**THE GOSPEL READING**

*We sing:*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of  
your faithful and kindle in them the  
fire of your love.

**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 you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **REFLECTION**

#### **WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH**

*We stand to say*

**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.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.**

*Prayers led by Peter Wyllie  
(Please sit/kneel)*

Mighty God, as we are gathered together here in hope and in faith, we ask you to minister to our needs. Send the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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

Holy God, we pray for our church leaders, that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit and that the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we pray for our community that each of us will be open to the opportunities to give of our individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the "One Body" of the church. We pray that each baptised Christian may develop more fully his or her response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ, Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Blessed Lord, we continue to pray for King Charles and all members of the Royal family. May all things belonging to the Holy Spirit continue to live and grow in them, Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God we pray for your world and its peoples with all their needs, questions and longings. So often we struggle to understand the reasons behind acts of terrorism ; and yet we know that in the midst of such events your love is shown in the acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion which followed. We pray for all who suffer in such dreadful circumstances and for those who are tasked with rescue, providing the medical and community support and, eventually, in the long task of reconstruction.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all those who are sick; guide them and strengthen them through their illness. We pray also for those who care for the sick, those engaged in the caring professions and for family members who look after loved ones and especially for children who care for parents. Amongst the sick we pray for Rebecca McQuillan, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, Jill Fitzpatrick, John Tanner, Hilary

Deller, Les Dickson, Irene Bow, Hannah and Chloe.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, pray for all those who have died: give them a place at your banquet in heaven. May the Holy Spirit, who purifies us of sin and raises the dead, bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of your presence. We pray for those recently departed: Vernon Selman

We pray for those whose years mind occur this month: Simon Edwards, Davis Cutmore, Stella Keaney, Alfred Scrivener, Anthony Smith, Sheila Pope, Thomas Weguelin, Henry Husey, Joscelyn Thompson, Grace Parsons, Albert Richard, Mark Webber, Heather Murphy, David Wood, Robert Botha, Vera Boulton, Ione McEwen, Sylvia Parkinson, David Barter, Barbara Barter

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Everlasting God, on this Day of Pentecost, we rejoice in the wonderful gift of your Spirit. Send your Spirit again into our hearts, into our lives, and into our world.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God of heaven and earth, companion in life, Spirit of truth, to you alone we turn our eyes and lift our hearts. Help us as we go out into the world to keep your commandments and to love one another as you love us.

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

### **THE PEACE**

*We stand and the Priest introduces the peace:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **OFFERTORY HYMN:**

O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for  
thee;

still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.

*The bread and wine are placed on  
the altar.*

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 our spiritual drink.

**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 Prayer we  
respond*

**Amen.**

*(Silence is kept)*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

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.**

*We sing:*

**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 as we join with those watching and worshipping with us on Zoom

**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:  
Stephen Ringer and Rachael Ringer*

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION:**  
*(Please remain seated)*

Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me  
Melt me mould me  
Fill me use me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me

### **Prayers after Communion**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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.**

### **WE GO IN CHRIST'S PEACE**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

*The Priest pronounces a Blessing.  
We respond           **Amen***

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

**In the name of Christ. Amen.  
Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Please sit for the Notices*

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day His sweet voice  
soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."  
Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still He calls, in cares and  
pleasures,

"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us- by Thy mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear Thy call;  
give our hearts to Thine  
obedience,  
serve and love Thee best of all.

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.**

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**We listen to the Organ Voluntary  
Foresdyck - This little light**

## **NOTICES**

**Parish Breakfast** - Our next  
Parish Breakfast will take place on  
Saturday 25th May at 9am.

Title: 'Sing unto the Lord - why we  
sing the hymns we do'

Dr. Charlotte O'Neill, our organist  
will be the speaker.  
Please sign the list if you are  
hoping to attend.

**Bowles Lodge** - every  
Wednesday at 10am.

**Hawkhurst Village Summer  
Fête Saturday 8th June** - We  
still need more helpers to run the  
Tea Stall on behalf of St Laurence  
Church. Please sign the list  
which can be found on the side  
notice table. If you are baking  
cakes, please remember to give a  
list of the ingredients. Cakes can  
be brought to the stall on the day  
by 12noon, or can be brought to  
the Vicarage on Friday 7th from  
4pm onwards.

**Bottle Tombola** - please start  
collecting bottles for the tombola at  
the fete. It will be run by the church  
choir.

## **AT YOUR SERVICE**

### **Vicar:**

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