

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

**St. Laurence Parish Church**  
**Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist**  
**26. 5.2024 - Trinity Sunday,**  
**Year B**

Please Note: The Zoom details  
for this service are:  
Meeting ID: 457 244 0784  
Passcode: 5i1UCa

**The Sidespeople today are Sa-**  
**rah and Charles Vernede :**

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET  
HOME WITH YOU

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**Hymn (Please stand if you are**  
**able)**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Al-  
mighty!

Early in the morning our song  
shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and  
mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed  
Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints  
adore Thee,

casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim, falling  
down before Thee,

which wert and art and evermore  
shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the dark-  
ness hide Thee,  
though the eye of sinful man Thy  
glory may not see;  
only Thou art holy, there is none  
beside Thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and pu-  
rity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Al-  
mighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy  
name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and  
mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed  
Trinity!

In the Name of God: Father, Son  
and the Holy Spirit . **Amen.**

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

**Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God to whom all**  
**hearts are open all desires**  
**known and from whom no se-**  
**crets 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**

The sacrifice of God is a broken  
spirit; a broken and contrite heart  
God will not despise. Let us come

to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you through our own fault in thought, word, and deed and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.**

*We sing:*

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, 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 .....***

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.**

**The First Reading read by Clive Dewing**

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption,

through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!"

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit

that we are children of God,

and if children, then heirs,

heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

if only we suffer with him

so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual 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.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

**R. Alleluia, 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**

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? Very truly I

tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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

## **The Reflection**

**The Creed** - said together

**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.**

**The Prayers of the Church - led by Robin Crowther**

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, on this special day, we

come before you to offer our praise and adoration. You are God, the creator, giving us richly all things to enjoy. You are Christ the Saviour of the world, made flesh to set us free. You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us. You are holy and blessed. One God, eternal Trinity, be near to us the people formed in your image, and close to the world, your love brings to life.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we pray for your church throughout the world, for those that are thriving and those which have lost a sense of direction. We give thanks for our parish and its people, and gladly acknowledge all the gifts you have given us through its life, we ask you to open wide our hearts that we may welcome the stranger and share our faith with others.

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

You, Lord, have chosen men and women to serve you in the ministry of your church and have given them a perfect example in the person of your son. We pray for Justin and Rose our Bishops and Rodney our Vicar.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember all who bear the responsibility of leadership, for heads of state, ambassadors and political advisers. We think today particularly of the leaders of the different factions in Israel and Palestine in the Holy Land. Let your will for our world be accomplished through the decisions they make and give them a vision of peace and reconciliation for you Lord can find a way when men and women are lost. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we pray for peace in the rest of the world, in our communities and our families: create in us a love for peace, not peace that is absent from struggle, nor peace that is blind to injustice but the peace that makes whole what now is broken.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember this morning those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands

they are safe and loved. 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**

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember those who have died and we pray for all whose life is saddened by the death of a loved one. Be with them in their loneliness and let them know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world a light which no darkness can quench. We pray for

Those recently departed: Vernon Selman, Mrs Pat Horner, Valerie Fussell

And all those whose years' mind occur this month: Simon Edwards, David 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, lone McEwen, Sylvia Parkinson, David Barter, Barbara Barter Bring to those who mourn the comfort of your love and the consolation of fond memories of their

loved ones. Lord, in your mercy:  
**Hear our prayer**

Father God, lead us into the coming week, Son of God, help us to believe that you are close to us, Spirit of God, keep us from making mistakes, Triune God, help us never to disappoint you, and when we face hard decisions or difficult work, when we enjoy ourselves and have fun with others may we know that you share these times with us.

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

One God, three Persons, help us to make your way become known upon earth and your saving power among all nations.

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

In the silence of our hearts we offer to God our own particular prayers....

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

One God, three Persons, you have sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of your kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim in all that we do and say.

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

### The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Firmly I believe and truly  
God is Three and God is One;  
and I next acknowledge duly  
manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully  
in that manhood crucified;  
and each thought and deed unruly  
do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly  
light and life and strength belong,  
and I love supremely, solely,  
him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,  
for the love of him alone,  
Holy Church as his creation,  
and her teachings as his own.

Adoration ay be given,  
with and through the angelic host,  
to the God of earth and heaven,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **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.**

### **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**

Threefold and glorious God, in Fatherly joy you created all things through the grace of your Word and the wisdom of your Spirit. In the depth of your love for the world you gave your only Son that all might come to new life in your Spirit. You rolled away the stone by your Fatherly hand and in the power of your Spirit raised your incarnate Son from the dead.

In your Fatherly mercy you breathed your Spirit on the fearful disciples, giving them the fire of your love to live as the body of your Son. And so adoring you with apostles and prophets, with martyrs and saints, with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim and with all your glorious company of bright array, we celebrate your praise

**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.**

Lord God, there is none beside you, you are perfect in power, in love and purity. You invite us to join you at your heavenly banquet that knows no end. In this meal we recall the sacrifice of your Son and the sanctification of your Spirit.

Send that Spirit upon us now, that we may be ready to be your companions, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread and gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying,

‘Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me’

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

‘Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Triune God, in the dance of your love we see your nature as utter relationship. Be close to all who struggle in relationship at home, in the workplace, across social divides and national thresholds. As your three persons gaze in shared attention, look upon those whose lives are unrecognised. As they work together in true partnership, uphold any who face the struggles of their life alone.

As they relish one another in deep delight, revitalise those who live without joy or hope. Make your church a community across time and space that enjoys the gift of your life and imitates the wonder of your love, until all come into your presence and gaze upon your glory, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. **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.**

### **We Break Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body**

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.**

### **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 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 Chalice bearers today are: Felicity Robinson and Sandra Dreyer

### **Communion Hymn**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms,  
powers,

virtues, archangels, angels'  
choirs:

**Refrain:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord:  
**[Refrain]**

Respond, ye souls in endless  
rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the  
song:  
O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One:  
**[Refrain]**

### **Post - Communion Prayers**

Give thanks to the Lord for God is  
gracious

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

Almighty and eternal God, you  
have revealed yourself as Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit, and live and  
reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith, that we  
may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eter-  
nal glory, who are three Persons

yet one God, 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.**

### **We Go In Christ's Peace**

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

### **The Blessing**

God the Holy Trinity make you  
strong in faith and love, defend  
you on every side, and guide you  
in truth and peace; and the bless-  
ing ....

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the  
Lord.

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

### **Notices**

**Hymn** (Please stand if you are  
able)

To God be the glory, great things  
he has done!

So loved he the world that he  
gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement  
for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all  
may go in.

**Refrain:**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the  
Lord,**

***Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the  
Lord!***

***Let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father through  
Jesus the Son***

***and give him the glory, great  
things he has done!***

Great things he has taught us,  
great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through  
Jesus the Son,  
but purer and higher and greater  
will be

our joy and our wonder, when Je-  
sus we see. [Refrain]

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 de-  
parted through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. **And rise in glory.  
Amen.**

Please sit for the Organ Volun-  
tary: Buxtehude - Toccata in F

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

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

**Bowles Lodge** - during the  
months of June, July and August,  
the 10am. Service at Bowles  
Lodge will be held once a month  
on the second Wednesday of  
each month.

## **NOTICES**

## **AT YOUR SERVICE**

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