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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service.

9. 6. 2024 - The 2nd Sunday after Trinity Year B

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

Passcode: 5i1Uca

We welcome today Malcolm

Jones as our celebrant and

preacher

The Sidesmen today are: Anne Wheelhouse and Ali Jones

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Hymn 408 (Please stand if you are able)

Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor,

First begotten from the dead, Thou alone, our strong defender, Liftest up thy people's head. Alleluia, alleluia,

Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,

Here in loving rev'rence bow; Here for faith's discernment pray we.

Lest we fail to know thee now. Alleluia, alleluia,

Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee

As of old in Bethlehem,

Here as there thine angels hail thee.

Branch and Flow'r of Jesse's Stem

Alleluia, alleluia,

We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thin off'ring, finished

Once for all when thou wast slain, In its fullness undiminished Shall for evermore remain.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.

Life-imparting heav'nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side, Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna

Worship thee, the Lamb who died. Alleluia, alleluia,

Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

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 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

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

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth:

send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,

the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

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 Rachel Elliott

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. Beginning at Chapter 4 verse 13.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — 'I believed, and so I spoke' — we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people. may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting

away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen: for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn 315

Immortal love, for ever full, For ever flowing free, For ever shared, for ever whole, A never ebbing sea.

Our outward lips confess the name

All other names above; Love only knoweth whence it came

And comprehendeth love.

O warm, sweet, tender, even yet A present help is he; And faith has still its Olivet, And love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress

Is by our beds of pain; We touch him in life's throng and press,

And we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
Our lips of childhood frame;
The last low whispers of our dead

Are burdened with his name. Alone, O love ineffable,

Thy saving name is giv'n; To turn aside from thee is hell, To walk with thee is heav'n.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia I am the way and the truth and the life, says the Lord, No one comes to the Father except through me. R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you And also with you

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Chapter 3

beginning at verse 20 Glory to Christ our Lord

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot

stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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 Julian van Kan

Father God, we approach your throne of grace with our concerns, our burdens and our thanksgiving for all your people throughout the world. Help us to put our trust in you and in our Saviour Jesus Christ who taught us that you love us as a parent and want only what is right for us. Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the Christian Church throughout the world and especially for churches in places where religious faith is suppressed or where Christianity is an unwelcome minority. We pray for our Bishops Justin and Rose, our Vicar Rodney and for all the Clergy who are celebrating with us during Father Rodney's sabbatical. Lord in Your mercy. Hear our prayer

Creator God we pray for our world which seems to be forever caught up in violence and conflict. Through the media we are witnesses to violence in so many parts of the world. As we con-

tinue to pray for peace and goodwill towards all people we also pray for the innocent victims and their families caught up in conflicts which are not of their making.

We pray for our world leaders and for Charles our King and all members of the Royal Family. We also pray for our government and all members of parliament. We pray for all candidates seeking office in the forthcoming general election, may they seek to serve with humility and dedication.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Father God help us to be gentle with our families and friends who are not also part of our Christian family. Give us, we pray, the calm that makes for consideration and the respect for others that makes us courteous. Take from us hard words and the cynical look. Let us be to others as we would wish them to be to us. Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Loving God we think now of those in need in our own community and further afield; the elderly, the housebound and those in care homes, hospital and hospices. We also remember the victims of violence, abuse or cruelty. We give thanks for all those who care for the sick within the family, and for all our medical

and voluntary services. 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**

We pray for those who face the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one. Help us to support all those who mourn, both with our prayers and with practical help both this day and in the days and weeks to come. We remember before God those who have died and ask that those bereaved by their passing are aware of the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings SO much hope. Today Those recently deremember: parted: Pat Horner. Valerie Fussell and Adrian Moon

And all those whose years' mind occur this month: Emily Arnold, Leila Philips, Colin Patterson. Marguerite Dunlop, Sheila Davis, Patsy Horner, Sandy Leslie Parsons, Norman French, Peter Maugham, Scarlett Reader, Ronald Poole, Ray Phillips, David William Potter, Lewis Waghorn, Trevor Thomas, Rosemary Lingard, Lorna Burgess, Marilyn van Kan. Beverly van Winkelen. Richard Richardson. Malcolm Martin.

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Lord we ask you to lead us into the coming week, Help us to believe that you are close by us, keep us from making mistakes and help us never to disappoint you. 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.

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

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

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his 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 100 (Please stand if you are able)

Christ is the world's true light, Its captain of salvation,
The daystar clear and bright
Of ev'ry race and nation;
New life, new hope awakes,

Where'er we own his sway: Freedom her bondage breaks, And night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
From sunrise to its setting;
When Christ is throned as Lord,
All shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare beat the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name
Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
Come, Prince of Peace, and
reign!

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRA-MENT

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 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 part of the Eucharistic Prayer we respond **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 because we all share in one bread.

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: Alison Parsons and Andrea Higgins

Communion Hymn 278

Here, Lord, we take the broken bread

And drink the wine, Believing that by your life our souls our fed,

Your parting gifts receiving.

As you have giv'n, so we would give

Ourselves for others' healing; And as you lived, so we would live,

The Father's love revealing.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:

sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with 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 Blessing

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; and the blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

Hymn 714 (Please stand if you are able)

We hail thy presence glorious,

O Christ our great High Priest, O'er sin and death victorious, At thy thanksgiving feast: As thou are interceding For us in heav'n above, Thy Church on earth is pleading Thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in ev'ry nation
Thine own their hearts upraise,
Off'ring one pure oblation,
One sacrifice of praise:
With thee in blest communion
The living and the dead
Are joined in closest union,
One Body and one Head.

O living bread from heaven, Jesu, our Saviour good, Who thine own self has given To be our souls' true food; For us thy body broken Hung on the cross of shame: This bread its hallowed token We break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending, Poured from the one true vine, With our weak nature blending The strength of life divine; Our thankful faith confessing In thy life-blood outpoured, We drink this cup of blessing And praise thy name, O Lord.

May we, thy word believing, Thee through thy gifts receive, That, though within us living, We all to God may live; Draw us from earth to heaven Till sin and sorrow cease, Forgiving and forgiven, In love and joy and peace. 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.**

Please sit for the Organ Voluntary: Howells – Psalm Prelude

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NOTICES

<u>Queries</u> – during the Vicar's sabbatical leave, please direct queries to the new churchwardens (details above).

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

AT YOUR SERVICE