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St. Laurence Parish Church
Parish Eucharist Service.
2.3. 2022 - The Sunday before
Lent

The Zoom details for this
service are:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
Passcode: 5i1UCa

The sidemen today are: Alison
Jones and Diana Hunt

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

Welcome

Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the
skies,
Christ, the true and only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shade of night;
Day-spring from on high, be
near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till Thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my
heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and
grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more Thyself
display,
shining to the perfect day.

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

In silence let us call to mind our sins against God, others and ourselves. We confess together:

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.

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.**

The Gloria (Sung)

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. - Refrain

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. - Refrain

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.
- Refrain

The Collect of the Day

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 - Ecclesiasticus
17:1-15 - read by Claire
Roberts**

The Lord created man out of earth, and turned him back to it again.

He gave to men few days, a limited time, but granted them authority over the things upon the earth. He endowed them with strength like his own, and made them in his own image. He placed the fear of them in all living beings, and granted them dominion over beasts and birds.

He made for them tongue and eyes; He gave them ears and a mind for thinking. He filled them with knowledge and understanding, and showed them good and evil. He set his eye upon their hearts to show them the majesty of his works. And they will praise his holy name, to proclaim the grandeur of his works.

He bestowed knowledge upon them, and allotted to them the

law of life. He established with them an eternal covenant, and showed them his judgments. Their eyes saw his glorious majesty, and their ears heard the glory of his voice. And he said to them, "Beware of all unrighteousness." And he gave commandment to each of them concerning his neighbour. Their ways are always before him, they will not be hid from his eyes.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Zion, city of our God.

He whose Word cannot be broken

formed thee for His own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure
repose?

With salvation's walls
surrounded,

thou may'st smile at all thy
foes.

See, the streams of living
waters,

springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and
daughters

and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a
river
ever flows their thirst to
assuage?

Grace, which like the Lord, the
Giver,
never fails from age to age.

'Round each habitation
hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by
day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which He gives them on their
way.

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the worldling's
pleasures,
all his boasted pomp and
show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in
heaven.

R. Alleluia, 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

About eight days after Jesus
said this, he took Peter, John
and James with him and went
up onto a mountain to pray. As
he was praying, the
appearance of his face
changed, and his clothes
became as bright as a flash of
lightning. Two men, Moses and
Elijah, appeared in glorious
splendour, talking with Jesus.
They spoke about his
departure, which he was about
to bring to fulfilment at
Jerusalem. Peter and his
companions were very sleepy,
but when they became fully
awake, they saw his glory and
the two men standing with him.
As the men were leaving
Jesus, Peter said to him,
“Master, it is good for us to be
here. Let us put up three
shelters—one for you, one for
Moses and one for Elijah.” (He
did not know what he was
saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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 Rachel Elliott

Holy God, we are all companions on a spiritual journey and so as we travel together, let us pray together.

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

Loving God, bless and guide our ministers and leaders as we enter the Lenten season of penitence and discipline, help us to be alive to your Spirit, who searches all our hearts and renews our lives as we offer our faith and obedience. We especially pray for the success of this year's Lenten activities

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

Mighty God, we pray for our troubled world and national leaders as they live through conflicts, struggle with terrorism and continue to fight the Pandemic. We think of all the tourist destinations which are still no-go areas and pray for all those around the world whose livelihoods are threatened as foreign visitors stay away.

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

Father God, we pray for the families and communities we represent asking that we may have a spirit of generosity,

respect and understanding at all times and may we always be able to help each other just as you love and help us.

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

Almighty God, we place into your gentle hands those who are sick especially Rebecca McQuillan, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, John Tanner, Hilary Deller, Les Dickson, Irene Bow, David Colquhoun, Brian Elliott, Hannah, Chloe, Emma, Andrew Eaton, Matilda, Jill Fitzpatrick, Keith Brown, Matt, Judy Scanlan and Val Manser. Ease their pain, and heal the damage done to them in body, mind or spirit. Be with them through the support of their friends, families, doctors and nurses and help them to be aware that they are surrounded with the prayers of the faithful.

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

Merciful God, we remember with thanksgiving before you those who have died in Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Be especially close to those they have left

behind as they journey to the New Jerusalem . We pray for:

Those recently departed: Janet Chitham, Michael Barrass, Gillian Spurgeon, Archdeacon Michael Brotherton, Dylan Peter Cradduck

And all those whose years' mind occur this month: Norma Fogarty, Spencer Charles Edwards, Francis Ann Vaughan, Douglas Brown, Kathryn Louise Bembridge, Brian Louis Piper, William Bennett, Joseph William Ringer, Mandy Jones, Kitty Weguelin, William David Potter, Freda Mary Griffin, Mihael William Raymond Corp, Peter Lewis, Winifred Richard, Brian Lawrence, Lily Collins, Gillian Appelbe, Claire Newland, Jean M.M. Hill.

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

Everlasting God, send us out into the world, renewed by our worship and strengthened by our fellowship so that we may be a testament to the Gospel of your son Jesus Christ and determined to bring healing

and reconciliation to our wounded world.

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 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.

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and
give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at
the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of
all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and
give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

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.

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**

Creating and liberating God,
you called your people into
covenant with you. and sealed
it with Moses on the mountain;
you called your people back to
that covenant through your
prophets and spoke in a still
small voice to Elijah on the
mountain.

Then on a mountain your Son
stood between the Law and the
Prophets and revealed the

radiance of your gospel. On Calvary's hill your son redeemed us by the blood of your new covenant, and on the mountain in Galilee he ascended to your right hand on high.

And so we gladly thank you, celebrating your glory with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, dazzled by your face and singing the hymn of your unending 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.**

Loving God, you set up your tent and make your dwelling among us. Abide with us now through the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people may become a temple of your presence, and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

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.**

Transfiguring God, it is good for us to be here. Through this holy sacrament make us your sons and daughters and be close to all children who have no one to share your love and mercy with them. Make us your beloved and visit all who have no one to call them beloved.

Give us grace to listen to your voice and bring to your heart any who no one to listen to them. Surround us with your

prophetic company and take us up into the whirlwind of your glory, until the day comes when the waters of the Jordan are parted and the heavens are opened and the chariots bring us home to you, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.

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.

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:
Judy Darkins and Alison Parsons

Communion Hymn

Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found-
we stand on holy ground.

Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;

he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight-
our radiant King of light!
Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace-
no work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God
is gracious
**God's mercy endures for
ever.**

Holy God, we see your glory in
the face of Jesus Christ: may
we who are partakers at his
table reflect his life in word and
deed, that all the world may
know his power to change and
save. This we ask through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Father almighty we offer
ourselves to you as a living
sacrifice in Jesus Christ our**

Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

The Blessing

The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, teach you to walk in his way more trustfully, to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father. And the blessing ...

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

Hymn

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken,
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy

that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with so much beauty,
full of health and strong and free,
full of vigour, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally.

Now with gladness, now with courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labours
may with endless gifts be paid;
and in everlasting glory
thou with brightness be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

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.**

Retiring Organ Voluntary

Notices

Daily Prayers for March are
available on the Church website.

Bowles Lodge The 10am.
Wednesday Eucharist is at
Bowles Lodge. Please join us.
Next Wednesday is Ash
Wednesday.

Compline We celebrate a
compline service on Zoom each
Wednesday at 6.00pm. Please
feel free to join us if you can.
The Zoom link is: Meeting ID: 457
244 0784 Passcode: 5i1UCa

Electoral Roll and Parish

Consent form. Under the
Church Representation Rules a
new Church Electoral Roll is
being prepared this year. Every
person who wishes to have his or
her name entered on the new
Roll, **whether it is entered on
the present Roll or not**, is
requested to apply for enrolment
not later than 10th April 2025.

Forms are available on the table
by the door. Please hand
completed forms to Stephen
Ringer, leave them in the Office
or place them in the box on the
table.

We are taking this opportunity to
update e mail addresses and
permission to publicise your e
mail address on rotas etc. Please
leave completed consent forms
in the Office or place them in the
box on the table.

**Ash Wednesday is on
Wednesday 5th March.**

Holy
Communion with imposition of
ashes will be held at 10am at
Bowles Lodge and at 7.30am in
the Church.

World day of Prayer 2025 will
be celebrated on Friday 7 March
at the Baptist Church. Christians
from the Cook Islands have
devised the service this year and
it promises to be a colourful and
uplifting time of worship.
You are cordially invited to join
us from 11.45 for a light lunch
(soup and a roll) before the
service which will begin at
1.00pm. We aim to finish around
2.00pm, so that anyone
collecting children from school is
able to do so.

The Passover Supper is on
Wednesday 16th April at 6.30pm
in St Laurence Church. The cost
is £10 per head. Please sign the
list on the table if you'd like to

come. Also please pick up an information sheet explaining the history and procedure.

Help wanted for Lent Lunches. Hawkhurst Churches Together will be holding Lent lunches every Friday during Lent from 12 noon to 1.30 pm. in the Baptist Church Hall on Cranbrook Road. (free car park behind the church). Everyone is welcome to attend. St Laurence parishioners will be responsible for running the lunch on Fridays 21st March and 4th April. We would be grateful for a team of volunteers to help set up and serve lunches on each day and also for donations of soup, bread, butter, cheese and apples. If you are able to help on either day or to donate food. Please sign the list on the table at the side of the church.

The Lent Course will continue with studies from the book *Pathways of Discipleship through Advent and Lent* by Stephen Need. The Lent study groups will commence in March, as follows: Ann & Scott – Mon 3rd, Mary – Wed 12th, Fr. Rodney – Fri 14th.

Collection and Giving

A collection will be taken during this service. Please remember to use a Gift Aid envelope if you are a taxpayer. Also you may support the work of St Laurence Church by donating at the collection box or the online terminal at the exit.

Additionally you may give to St Laurence Church via the QR code which can be found on our website: www.stlaurencechurch-hawkhurst.org under the *Welcome* tab and through a link under *Giving*.

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