

## DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY

### Changed lives - Changing lives

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St. Laurence Parish Church  
Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist  
Service.

9. 2. 2025 - The Fourth Sunday  
before Lent

The Zoom details for this service  
are:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

Passcode: 5i1UCa

The sides people today are:  
Anne Wheelhouse and Diana  
Ringer

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### Welcome

#### Hymn

Angel voices ever singing  
round Thy throne of light,  
angel harps, forever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless Thee  
and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that Thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we feel that Thou art near us  
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

Yea, we know Thy love rejoices  
o'er each work of Thine;

Thou didst ears and hands and  
voices  
for Thy praise combine;  
craftsman's art and music's  
measure  
for Thy pleasure didst design.

Here, great God, today we offer  
of Thine own to Thee;  
and for Thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and  
voices  
in our choicest melody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessed Trinity:

of the best that Thou hast given  
earth and heaven render Thee.

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.**

**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.**

**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.**

The Collect of the Day

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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.**

First Reading - Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8  
read by Claire Roberts

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above. They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

### Hymn

God is working this purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year;  
God is working this purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be:  
when the earth shall be filled with  
the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,  
where human feet have trod,  
by the mouth of many  
messengers  
goes forth the voice of God:  
"Give ear to me, ye continents,  
ye isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled with  
the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea."

Let us go forth in the strength of  
God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel  
of truth  
may shine throughout the world.  
Let us all fight with sorrow and sin  
to set the captives free,  
that the earth may be filled with  
the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed.  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-  
tide  
till God gives life to the seed.

Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with  
the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

**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

**Glorify to Christ our Lord**

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in  
on Jesus and listening to the word  
of God,

he was standing by the Lake of  
Gennesaret. He saw two boats  
there alongside the lake; the  
fishermen had disembarked and  
were washing their nets.

Getting into one of the boats, the  
one belonging to Simon, he asked  
him to put out a short distance  
from the shore. Then he sat down  
and taught the crowds from the  
boat. After he had finished  
speaking, he said to Simon, "Put  
out into deep water and lower  
your nets for a catch." Simon said  
in reply,

"Master, we have worked hard all  
night and have caught nothing,  
but at your command I will lower  
the nets." When they had done  
this, they caught a great number  
of fish and their nets were tearing.  
They signalled to their partners in  
the other boat to come to help  
them. They came and filled both  
boats

so that the boats were in danger  
of sinking. When Simon Peter  
saw this, he fell at the knees of  
Jesus and said, "Depart from me,  
Lord, for I am a sinful man." For  
astonishment at the catch of fish  
they had made seized him and all  
those with him, and likewise  
James and John, the sons of  
Zebedee, who were partners of  
Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do  
not be afraid; from now on you will  
be catching men." When they  
brought their boats to the shore,  
they left everything and followed  
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

Gracious God we pray for your blessing to be upon this congregation, upon this church and upon our Diocese and for your presence to be seen vividly in what we do and say each day. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in and through us and that we might never be seen by those around us as falling short of the teachings of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Holy God, whenever we fail to care for our brothers and sisters throughout creation, the way is opened to destruction, and hearts are hardened. We recognise our responsibility to encourage and uphold one another and to live together in peace and love. We also recognise our needs and our human weaknesses and come to you now with our prayers and petitions

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

Gracious God, thank you that you call some of us to be apostles, sent out to do your work. We pray for all who respond "Here I am

Lord” when they hear you call. We pray for Bishop Rose and her family. We pray also for those who have a ministry in their daily lives of work, family life or community, who daily bear witness to the gospel in all that they say or do.

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

Creator God, thank you for our world and the places where we live. We pray for King Charles and every member of the Royal Family. Help us all to be mindful that we are all created equal in your sight and accept our deep regret that despite this there is still so much inequality to be found in our world.

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

Help us to remember that you want us to be good stewards of your creation, living responsibly in the lands and seas of the earth. May all future growth be sustainable and may we ensure that its abundance is fairly shared for the good of all. Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, Lord, help us to use our influence within our families and communities to bring peace, joy and fun into people’s lives, instead of stirring up strife. Help

us be reliable and honest in what we do, and friendly to all who we meet in our daily lives.

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

Loving God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus can free us from our burdens and heal our bodies and spirits. We pray for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. We pray for: 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 and Judy Scanlan.

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

Merciful God, when death separates from us those we love and we find it hard to live without them, take from us all bitterness and resentment and help us to remember that death has no power at all over the peace you give and that the love we shared with our departed loved ones goes beyond the grave. We pray for the recently departed: Ken Weatherley, Janet Chitham, Michael Barrass

We pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur this month: William Crouch, Michael French, Charles Bladon, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Jane Coleman, Michael Buss, Albert Collins, Victor Botha, Joan Maskell, Brian Kingcome, Martin Chubb, Desna Harries, Christobel Van der Hoeven, Leslie Corfield, Marjorie Addyman, Norman Sheldon, Christian Solari, Margaret Skeet, Doris Ringer, Jean King, David Weeks, Betty Hazel, Arthur Jeffery, Barney Underwood.

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

Everlasting God, in the weeks ahead help us to conduct our lives with dignity, always giving and serving, always praying before taking action and following each action with prayerful thanksgiving. Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

In a time of silence we bring to our Lord 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 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.**

### Offertory Hymn

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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bow down before him, his glory  
proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and  
incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is  
his name.

### 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**

It is a good and joyful thing always  
and everywhere to give thanks to  
you, God of glory, for you formed  
a people to trust in you, to root  
their life in yours and to bear fruit  
without end. When they were  
parched by sin and thirsting for  
righteousness, you sent your Son  
and let them drink of your  
forgiving mercies. So you made  
them like trees planted by the  
streams of living water whose  
leaves do not wither.

By the power of your Holy Spirit  
you raised your Son from death to  
life, the first fruits of those who  
have died. Trusting in your all-  
sufficient ways, your church is  
rooted in you and continues to  
bear the fruits of resurrection. And  
so with your people on earth and  
with all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join the  
hymn of glory;

**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.**

Replenishing God, you have power to transform hunger into blessing; fill us with faith as we feast around your table. As your Son blessed the hungry, send your Holy Spirit upon your church. As we remember his saving passion, show us the fulness of your love.

Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son. Who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it 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.**

Patient God, you promise your kingdom belongs to the poor: bless your church through the faithful company of those who know poverty. As you bestow laughter upon those who weep, comfort your sons and daughters who cry and show them unfailing joy.

As you extend your goodness to all who are excluded on account of your Son, give courage to those who are persecuted. As you promise to uphold all who hunger, fill your children, body and soul with food that truly satisfies.

Bring us to the great day of heavenly reward, that dawn of unending blessedness which we shall share with all your saints, rejoicing in your glory, ever-faithful 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.

This is Jesus 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 Distribution of Communion

The Chalice bearers today are:  
Peter Hodges and Sandra Dreyer

Communion Hymn

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home,  
lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt  
praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease

and sorrows all depart;  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery:  
sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest  
raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the  
waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we  
pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

#### Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God is  
gracious

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

Go before us, Lord, in all we do  
with your most gracious favour,  
and guide us with your continual  
help, that in all our works begun,  
continued and ended in you, we  
may glorify your holy name, and  
finally by your mercy receive  
everlasting life; 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 and Banns

#### Recessional Hymn

Blessed assurance, Jesus is  
mine!

Oh, what a foretaste of glory  
divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of  
God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his  
blood.

*Refrain:*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day  
long.*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day  
long.*

Perfect communion, perfect

delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my  
sight.

Angels descending bring from  
above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of  
love. *[Refrain]*

Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Saviour am happy and  
bless'd,  
watching and waiting, looking  
above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his  
love. *[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  
departed through the mercy of  
God, rest in peace. **And rise in  
glory. Amen.**

*Retiring Organ Voluntary*

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### Notices

The Next Parish Breakfast will  
take place at 9.30am. the 1st  
March. Our speaker will be the Revd.  
Dr. Stephen Need. The title of his  
talk is "Re-Imagining the Council  
of Nicea." If you would like to

come to it, please sign the list  
provided.

Daily Prayers for February are  
available on the Church website.

Bowles Lodge - the 10am.  
Wednesday Eucharist is at  
Bowles Lodge. Please join us.

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

Service of Choral Evensong – will  
take place next Sunday,  
February 16<sup>th</sup> at  
4 p.m.

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-](http://www.stlaurencechurch-hawkhurst.org)  
[hawkhurst.org](http://www.stlaurencechurch-hawkhurst.org) under the  
*Welcome* tab and through a link  
under *Giving*.

Peal of Bells – on Wednesday  
26<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30 a.m. a

group of bellringers will be ringing the St Laurence bells for a peal attempt.

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Thank you - to all the kind people who made the beautiful Christingles for our service last Sunday.

**AT YOUR SERVICE**

**Vicar:** The Revd Canon Rodney Dreyer  
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