



**ST LAURENCE
CHURCH,
HAWKHURST**

**THE PARISH EUCHARIST
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
9TH. MARCH 2025**

*Welcome to St Laurence,
whether you regularly worship
here or are here for the first
time. There are toilet facilities at
the back of the church*

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

The sidemen today are: Kate
Lagden and Jean Elliott

WE GATHER

Introit Hymn

Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the
day;
Chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
Prowling beasts about your
way;
Stones your pillow; earth your
bed.

Shall not we your sorrow share,
And from earthly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,

Glad with you to suffer pain?
And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Christ, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint or fail.

So shall we have peace divine;
Holier gladness ours be due;
Round us, too, shall angels
shine,
Such as ministered to you.

Keep, oh, keep us, Saviour
dear,
Ever constant at your side;
That we may with you appear
In your resurrection-tide.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

*The Priest welcomes the
congregation and introduces
the theme of the Service.*

(Silence is kept)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

**cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts**

**by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy**

name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

The Priest introduces the Prayer of Penitence

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

(Silence is kept)

**Almighty God, our heavenly
Father, we have sinned
against you and against our
neighbour in thought and
word and deed, through
negligence, through
weakness, through our own
deliberate fault. We are truly
sorry and repent of all our
sins. For the sake of your
Son Jesus Christ, who died
for us, forgive us all that is
past and grant that we may
serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

We say:

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

Almighty God, who forgives all
who truly repent, have mercy
upon you, pardon and deliver
you from all your sins, confirm
and strengthen you in all
goodness, and keep you in life
eternal; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose Son
Jesus Christ fasted forty days in
the wilderness, and was
tempted as we are, yet without
sin: give us grace to discipline
ourselves in obedience to your
Spirit; and, as you know our
weakness, so may we know
your power to save; 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

(Please sit)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

read by Anne Wheelhouse

When you have come into the
land that the LORD your God is
giving you as an inheritance to
possess, and you possess it,
and settle in it, you shall take
some of the first of all the fruit of

the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us

into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he shall renew;
he, my guide through changing
order,
only good and only true:
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his
trust;
all that human toil can fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

Day by day our mighty giver
grants to us his gifts of love;
in his will our souls find
pleasure,

leading to our home above:
love shall stand at his hand,
joy shall wait for his command.

Still from Earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done;
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son:
hear Christ's call, one and all –
we who follow shall not fall.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,
returned from the Jordan and
was led by the Spirit in the
wilderness, where for forty days
he was tempted by the devil. He
ate nothing at all during those
days, and when they were over,
he was famished. The devil
said to him, 'If you are the Son
of God, command this stone to
become a loaf of bread.' Jesus
answered him, 'It is written,
"One does not live by bread
alone."'

Then the devil led him up and
showed him in an instant all the
kingdoms of the world. And the
devil said to him, 'To you I will

give their glory and all this
authority; for it has been given
over to me, and I give it to
anyone I please. If you, then,
will worship me, it will all be
yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It
is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to
Jerusalem, and placed him on
the pinnacle of the temple,
saying to him, 'If you are the
Son of God, throw yourself
down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels
concerning you, to protect you",
and "On their hands they will
bear you up, so that you will not
dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, 'It is said,
"Do not put the Lord your God
to the test.'"

When the devil had finished
every test, he departed from
him until an opportune time.

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

REFLECTION

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

We stand to say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father

and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

*Prayers led by Sarah Lindop
(Please sit/kneel)*

Gracious God, you call us to worship today and remind us that Jesus refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured first, the time in the wilderness and ultimately the pain and suffering of the cross. Help us during our Lenten journey to fix our eyes on him and daily pick up our own crosses.

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

Holy God, we pray for all of our Lent activities here in our parish. We pray for Bishop Rose and for Fr. Rodney. May

your Holy Spirit lead us together, to a Holy Easter and a joyful celebration of the Resurrection.

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

Almighty God, Your son Jesus was offered all the kingdoms of the world and their authority and splendour if he would worship the devil rather than you. Help those who govern and rule those nations today to resist the temptation to use evil, violent and corrupt ways to bring about their personal desires rather than ruling with justice, mercy and benevolence.

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

Loving God, help us during this penitential season to follow the commands of Jesus and to fast cheerfully. May we demonstrate the joy of our Christian faith to all our family, friends and neighbours.

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

Merciful 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 too for those suffering from addiction of any kind and ask that you help them to put the temptation of Satan and the world behind them. 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. Judy Scanlan and Val Manser.

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

Father God, we pray for all who have died; especially those who encouraged us in our faith by their example. As we pray for them, may they in turn continue to pray for us that we may stay true to our faith. We pray for the recently departed: Michael Barrass, Gillian Spurgeon, Archdeacon Michael Brotherton, Dylan Peter Craddock.

We pray for those whose anniversaries of death 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,
Michael 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**

Faithful God, you have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting, and works of mercy. When, during the coming weeks of Lent, we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in your love to help us through to the glories of Easter.

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

*We stand and the Priest
introduces the peace:*

The peace of the Lord be
always with you

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign
of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

o'er the world's tempestuous
sea;

guard us, guide us, keep us,
feed us,

for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness
o'er us:

all our weakness thou dost
know;

thou didst tread this earth
before us,

thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and
weary,

through the desert thou didst
go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion
blending,

pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned,
guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

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

Blessed are you, Lord, God of
all creation.

Through your goodness we
have this bread to offer which

earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer Preface and then all say:

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.

(Sit/kneel)

The Priest continues, recalling and remembering with us the Last Supper..... then we say:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

*At the End of the next Prayer we respond **Amen.***

(Silence is kept)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE BREAK BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are
one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

We say:

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.**

We say:

**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.

If you are a communicant member of another church you are welcome to share with us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, (please indicate if you require a gluten free wafer.)

The Chalice Bearers are:
Sandra Dreyer and Felicity Robinson

HYMN DURING COMMUNION
(Please remain seated)

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts
we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love:
taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken; words of
one who died:

'Take my body, take my saving
blood.'

Gifts of bread and wine: Christ
our Lord.

Christ our Saviour, living
presence here,
as He promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and
wine.' 'Take my body....

Through the Father, with the
Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
for God's people, joined in
prayer,
faith is strengthened by the food
we share.

'Take my body....

WE GO IN CHRIST'S PEACE

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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

Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

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

Please sit for the Notices

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O love, how deep, how broad, how
high!

It fills the heart with ecstasy,
That God, the Son of God, should
take

Our mortal form for mortals' sake.

He sent no angel to our race
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame
Himself, and to this lost world
came.

For us he was baptised, and bore
His holy fast, and hungered sore;
For us temptations sharp he knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed, for us he taught,

For us his daily works he wrought,
By words, by signs, and actions,
thus

Still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wickedness betrayed,
Scourged, mocked, in purple robe
arrayed,

He bore the shameful cross and
death;

For us at length gave up his
breath.

For us he rose from death again,
For us he went on high to reign,
For us he sent his Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to
cheer.

To him whose boundless love has
won

Salvation for us through his Son,
To God the Father, glory be
Both now and through eternity.

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.**

We listen to the Organ Voluntary.

NOTICES

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.

Daily Prayers for March are available on the Church website.

Bowles Lodge - 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

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*.

Mothering Sunday falls on Sunday 30th March. There will be a special service at 10am.

The St Laurence 100 Club is another one of our fund-raising initiatives. The Club is open to those over 16 years of age and membership costs £10 a year. There is a monthly draw for three prizes, with first prize being £20, the second £10 and the third £5. Please speak to Alison Parsons for details.

AT YOUR SERVICE

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