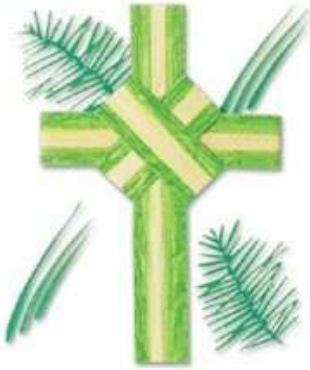


# ST LAURENCE CHURCH

THE PARISH EUCHARIST  
PALM SUNDAY

13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025 AT 10 AM



## THE ZOOM DETAILS ARE:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

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The sides people today are:  
Kate Lagden and Diana Hunt

### ***‘Follow the steps of Christ’s patience and humility’***

*Holy Week recalls the last momentous week in Jesus’ life. **Palm Sunday** – His ride into Jerusalem on a donkey; **Monday to Wednesday** – the cleansing of the Temple of corrupt traders, the debates with religious leaders, the anointing of His body by a woman, the plotting of His death by Judas; **Maundy Thursday** – the washing of*

*the disciples’ feet and the Last Supper; **Good Friday** – His arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial.*

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*When all are ready, the following anthem is said:*

**Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

*The Priest introduces the celebration using these words:*

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord’s death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*Everyone holds up their palms while this prayer is said:*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life, who lives and reigns with

you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Everyone is sprinkled with Holy Water.*

Luke 19:28-40

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

*The Priest addresses the people:*

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

Hymn

*All glory, laud, and honour  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed One.

*All glory, laud .....*

The company of Angels  
are praising thee on high,  
and mortal folk, with all things  
created make reply.

*All glory, laud .....*

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went:  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.

*All glory, laud .....*

To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee now high exalted  
our melody we raise.

*All glory, laud .....*

Thou didst accept their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,

who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.

*All glory, laud .....*

*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 and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

Philippians 2:6-11 read by Claire Roberts

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the

form of a slave, coming in human likeness, and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*Please remain seated*

The Passion of our Lord.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*During the reading of the Passion the following hymn will be sung at intervals.*

*The choir will lead us for each verse.*

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love for me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake,  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know,  
but O my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,

and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King;  
then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him  
rise.

They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,  
that he his foes from thence might  
free.

In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have:  
in death no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heaven was his  
home;  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine,  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet  
praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

*At the end of the Passion the priest  
says:*

This is the Passion of 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, eter-  
nally 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 incar-  
nate 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 ac-  
cordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Fa-  
ther.**

**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 wor-  
shipped and glorified, who has spo-  
ken 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 LED BY SARAH LINDOP

*(Please sit/kneel)*

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for the sick and suffering: Rebecca McQuillan, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, John Tanner, Les Dickson, Irene Bow, Brian Elliott, Hannah, Chloe, Emma, Andrew Eaton, Matilda, Jill Fitzpatrick, Keith Brown, Matt, Val Manser, and Peter Hunt.

**Lord, have mercy**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. We pray for the recently departed: David Colquhoun, Judy Scanlan, Thelma Mahon, Gillian Spurgeon, Hilary Deller, David Gosnold, Roy Joseph Bryant.

**We pray for those whose Years?**

**Mind occur this month:**

Thomas Barker, Olive Fitzpatrick, Brenda Bladon, Jimmy Dunlop, Edwin Manser, Roger Smith, Richard Hunt, Eileen Sheldon, Lydia Harttrup, Dick Howarth, Elijah Towner, Sheila Radford, Rebecca Barker, Thomas Heady, Elsie Dodson, John Roberts, Anna Towner, Winifred French, Roy Melham.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

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.

WE PRESENT OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ABLE)

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

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,  
thy humble beast pursues his road  
with palms and scattered garments  
strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The wingèd squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering  
eyes,  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father, on his sapphire throne,

expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and  
reign.

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.**

It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God, for in wondrous love you cast stars into space and in mock obedience your sin surrendered to cruel

nails. With loving kindness you called your people in Abraham, and in covenant with Moses you bound up your life in theirs. Through exile you stayed close to them, and in Jesus you came among them bearing the fulness of grace and truth. Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty and death, yet in resurrection you exalted him and in sending your Spirit you shed your glory on all people. And we so rejoice with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, singing the song 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.**

Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One. Your Son comes on a donkey in your name. As Jesus entered Jerusalem to hear our sorrows and suffer for our sins, enter our hearts and confront our waywardness today.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be your Son's crucified and risen body. Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread, and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation, that together they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, 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 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.**

Humble God, you did not exploit his status but emptied himself. Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, world or church, on all who are humbled, by state or employer or family member, on all who are emptied of hope, or of faith or of love.

As you highly exalted your Son who had become a slave, highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness or grieve those they have cherished or bend the knee to the one who does not honour them.

Fill the earth with your justice and peace, until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess that you are the joy of their desiring, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God, in all ages and for evermore.

**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 sing:*

**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.**

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: Peter Hodges and Alison Jones

HYMN DURING COMMUNION:  
(PLEASE REMAIN SEATED)

*Refrain:*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life,  
the true bread sent from the Father.  
Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,  
but this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat my flesh and drink my blood,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread,  
will live for ever.

If you believe and eat this bread,  
you will have eternal life.

AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving Father, you have turned your face towards the world and welcomed us home in Jesus Christ. Work in us by your Spirit that we**

may share with others the welcome we have found in him, that strangers may become friends, and your love be made known in all the world. Amen

### NOTICES

#### WE GO IN CHRIST'S PEACE

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

### BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing ...

*We respond*            **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ triumphant ever-reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King,  
Lord of heav'n our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing.  
***Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown,  
the eternal name.***

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:  
***Yours the glory .....***

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:  
***Yours the glory .....***

Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:  
***Yours the glory .....***

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:  
***Yours the glory .....***

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

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### NOTICES

Please bring a small posy of flowers next Sunday to put on the Easter Cross

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

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

**Lent Lunches** Hawkhurst Churches Together will be holding the last Lent lunch next Friday 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.

**The Lent Course** continues with studies from the book *Pathways of Discipleship through Advent and Lent* by Stephen Need. The Lent study groups are run by Ann & Scott, Mary and Fr. Rodney.

**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.

### **Lilies for Easter**

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in remembrance of a loved one, please place cash or a cheque in an envelope and clearly print the person's name on the front of the envelope. Please give the envelopes to Claire Roberts.

A minimum donation of £4.50 per lily is requested. Cash is preferred. If you wish to pay by cheque it should be payable to ***St Laurence Flower Guild***.

Last date for orders is **TODAY**, Palm Sunday (April 13<sup>th</sup>).

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

(APCM) will be held on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> towards the end of the 10am service.

**A Calendar of Events** has been compiled by the PCC. The first issue is available on the table at the back of the church and also on the website. **Please note that the two Evensong services with St Dunstons' Church have been postponed.**

## AT YOUR SERVICE

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14 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Week
16 <sup>th</sup>	Passover Meal 6.30pm in St Laurence Church
17 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday service at 7.30pm with foot washing, stripping of the altars and watch at the Altar of Repose
18 <sup>th</sup>	Solemn Liturgy at 9.30am. Good Friday Walk of Witness from Roman Catholic Church 11.30am to Dunks Almhouses. Lent Lunch at Baptist Church.
19 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Saturday. Evening Prayer around the Easter Garden at 6.30pm.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Day. 8am Holy Communion. 10am Parish Eucharist with renewal of Baptismal Vows