

**[H] ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
THE PARISH EUCHARIST
THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF
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The sidesmen today are: Anne
Wheelhouse and Diana Hunt

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

**PLEASE TAKE THIS
LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU**

Hymn

Hail the day that sees him rise,
Alleluia!
to his throne beyond the skies.
Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners
given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven.
Alleluia!

There for him high triumph
waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates.
Alleluia!

He has conquered death and
sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in.
Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord
receives; Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he
leaves. Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne,
Alleluia!
still he calls us all his own.
Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes;
Alleluia!
his atoning death he pleads,
Alleluia!
near himself prepares our
place, Alleluia!
he the first fruits of our race.
Alleluia!

There we shall with you
remain, Alleluia!
partners of your endless reign,
Alleluia!
see you with unclouded view,
Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in
you. Alleluia!

Alleluia, Christ is Risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

**Our Father who art in
heaven, Hallowed be thy
Name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, In earth as
it is in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread. And**

**forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that
trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

**Almighty God, unto whom all
hearts be open, all desires
known, and from whom no
secrets are hid: Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love
thee, and worthily magnify
thy holy Name; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Jesus said: Thou shalt love the
Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with
all thy mind: This is the first and
great commandment. And the
second is like unto it, Thou
shalt love thy neighbour as
thyself. On these two
commandments hang all the
law and the prophets.

Kyries (Sung)

**Lord, Have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy**

Priest. The Lord be with you;
People. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day.

Risen, ascended Lord, as we
rejoice at your triumph, fill your
Church on earth with power
and compassion, that all who
are estranged by sin may find
forgiveness and know your
peace, to the glory of God the
Father. **Amen.**

Epistle - read by Claire
Roberts

The Epistle is written in the
Sixteenth Chapter of the book
of the Acts of the Apostles,
beginning at the sixteenth
verse.

One day as we were going to
the place of prayer, we met a
female slave who had a spirit of
divination and brought her
owners a great deal of money
by fortune-telling. While she
followed Paul and us, she
would cry out, "These men are
slaves of the Most High God,
who proclaim to you the way of
salvation." She kept doing this
for many days. But Paul, very
much annoyed, turned and
said to the spirit, "I order you in
the name of Jesus Christ to
come out of her." And it came
out that very hour. But when
her owners saw that their hope
of making money was gone,
they seized Paul and Silas and
dragged them into the
marketplace before the
authorities. When they had

brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe."

The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptised without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Here endeth the Epistle

Gradual Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful
Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by His
blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions
how.

Tho' the cloud from sight
received Him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His
promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our
stay.

Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our
plea
where the songs of all the
sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you

People: **And with thy Spirit**

The Holy Gospel is written in
the seventeenth chapter of
John beginning at the twentieth
verse.

People: **Glory be to thee, O
Lord.**

"I ask not only on behalf of
these but also on behalf of
those who believe in me
through their word, that they
may all be one. As you, Father,
are in me and I am in you, may
they also be in us, so that the
world may believe that you
have sent me. The glory that
you have given me I have
given them, so that they may

be one, as we are one, I in
them and you in me, that they
may become completely one,
so that the world may know
that you have sent me and
have loved them even as you
have loved me. Father, I desire
that those also, whom you
have given me, may be with
me where I am, to see my
glory, which you have given me
because you loved me before
the foundation of the world.
"Righteous Father, the world
does not know you, but I know
you, and these know that you
have sent me. I made your
name known to them, and I will
make it known, so that the love
with which you have loved me
may be in them and I in them."

People: **Thanks be to thee, O
Lord.**

Reflection

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the
Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, And of all
things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus
Christ, the only-begotten
Son of God, Begotten of his
Father before all worlds, God
of God, Light of Light, Very
God of very God, Begotten,
not made, Being of one sub
stance with the Father, By**

**whom all things were made:
Who for us men, and for our
salvation, came down from
heaven, And was incarnate
by the Holy Ghost of the
Virgin Mary, And was made
man, And was crucified also
for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose
again according to the
Scriptures, And ascended
into heaven, And sitteth on
the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again
with glory to judge both the
quick and the dead: Whose
kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy
Ghost, The Lord, the Giver of
Life, Who proceedeth from
the Father and the Son, Who
with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and
glorified, Who spake by the
Prophets. And I believe One,
Holy, Catholic and Apostolic
Church. I acknowledge one
Baptism for the remission of
sins, And I look for the
Resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

None of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
For whether we live, we live
unto the Lord; and whether we
die, we die unto the Lord:

whether we live therefore, or
die, we are the Lord's.

Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our
stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Bidding prayers are offered by the Vicar

In silence let us offer to God
our own particular prayers

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations into the way of righteousness and peace, and to direct all Kings, Presidents and Rulers that under them the world may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto thy Servant CHARLES our KING, his ministers and parliaments, and all that are set in authority throughout his Dominions, that they may truly and impartially minister justice to the removing of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of order and right living.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests and

Deacons, and especially to thy Servant Rose our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Guide and prosper, we pray thee, all those who are labouring for the spread of thy Gospel among the nations.

And to all Schools and Universities grant the light of thy Spirit, that the world may be filled with the knowledge of thy Truth. And grant to all men in their several callings that they may seek the common welfare, and promote good will and brotherhood on earth.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we commend to thy gracious keeping, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life

in thy faith and fear,
beseeching thee to grant them
mercy, light and peace both
now and at the day of
resurrection.

And here we do give unto thee,
O Lord, most high praise and
heartly thanks for the wonderful
grace and virtue declared in all
thy Saints, and chiefly in the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of
thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord
and God, and in the holy
Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles
and Martyrs; beseeching thee
to give us grace that we,
rejoicing in the Communion of
the Saints, and following the
good examples of those who
have served thee here, may be
partakers with them of thy
heavenly kingdom: Grant this,
O Father, for Jesus Christ's
sake, our only Mediator and
Advocate. **Amen.**

Ye that do truly and earnestly
repent you of your sins, and
are in love and charity with
your neighbours, and intend to
lead a new life, following the
commandments of God, and
walking from henceforth in his
holy ways: Draw near with
faith, and take this holy
Sacrament to your comfort;
and make your humble
confession to Almighty God,

meekly kneeling upon your
knees.

**Almighty God, Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, maker of
all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail
our manifold sins and
wickedness, which we, from
time to time, most grievously
have committed, by thought,
word, and deed, against thy
Divine Majesty, provoking
most justly thy wrath and
indignation against us. We
do earnestly repent, and are
heartily sorry for these our
misdoings; The
remembrance of them is
grievous unto us; The
burden of them is
intolerable. Have mercy
upon us. Have mercy upon
us, most merciful Father; For
thy Son our Lord Jesus
Christ's sake, forgive us all
that is past; And grant that
we may ever hereafter serve
and please thee in newness
of life, to the honour and
glory of thy name; Through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly
Father, who of his great mercy
hath promised forgiveness of
sins to all them that with hearty

repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. St. Matthew 11. 28.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. St. John 3. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. 1 St. John 2. 1

Offertory Hymn (during which a collection is taken)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Bless, O Lord, we beseech thee, these thy gifts and sanctify them unto this holy use, that by them we may be fed unto everlasting life of soul

and body; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Who, with thine only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance, who hast created all things through thy eternal Word.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who hath brought life and immortality to light, that we, who are burdened by the weight of sin and death, may grieve not as those who have no hope; because we know that when our earthly tabernacle is dissolved we have a better habitation.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious

Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All Glory and Thanksgiving be to thee, Almighty God our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who (by his one oblation of himself once offered) made a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we, receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed

Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take eat, this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, do render unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same; and, looking for his coming again with power and great glory, we offer here unto thy divine majesty this holy Bread of eternal life and this Cup of everlasting salvation; and we humbly beseech thee to pour thy Holy Spirit upon us and

upon these thy gifts, that all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son, and be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all Honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

As our Saviour Jesus Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.

Communion

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy 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.

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which were given for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanks giving.

The Distribution of Communion

The Chalice Bearers today are:
Alison Parsons and Judy Darkins

Hymn during Communion

At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,

Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners,
Amongst whom he came.
Faithfully he bore it,
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him!
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true.
Crown him as your Captain,
In temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you
In its light and power.

Kindred, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again
With his Father's glory,
With his angel train,
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Thanksgiving

O give thanks unto the Lord, for
he is gracious;

**And his mercy endureth for
ever.**

Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee, for
that thou dost vouchsafe to
feed us, who have duly
received these holy mysteries,

with the spiritual food of the
most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ; and dost assure us
thereby of thy favour and
goodness towards us; and that
we are very members
incorporate in the mystical
body of thy Son, which is the
blessed company of all faithful
people; and are also heirs
through hope of thy everlasting
kingdom, by the merits of the
most precious death and
passion of thy dear Son. And
we most humbly beseech thee,
O heavenly Father, so to assist
us with thy grace, that we may
continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as
thou hast prepared for us to
walk in; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, to whom, with thee
and the Holy Ghost, be all
honour and glory, world without
end. **Amen.**

The Gloria

**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 Blessing

The peace of God, which
passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in
the knowledge and love of
God, and of his Son Jesus
Christ our Lord: and the
blessing of God Al mighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy
Ghost, be amongst you and
remain with you always.

Amen.

Notices

Hymn:

Christ is made the sure
foundation,
Christ the head and
cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and
precious,
binding all the church in one,

holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call
You,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with accustomed
lovingkindness,
hear Your servants as they
pray;
and Your fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

Lord, here grant to all Your
servants
what they ask of You to gain,
what they gain from You,
forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in Your glory
evermore with You to reign.

Praise and honour to the
Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
one in might, and one in glory,
while unending ages run

The Lord be with you
And also with thy Spirit.

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.**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Retiring Organ Voluntary

NOTICES

Wednesday Eucharist at
Bowles Lodge ~ 10.00a.m.
Please do 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:
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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*.

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.

Hawkhurst Village Fete 28th June. We have been asked once again to run the Tea Stall. A sign up sheet to help run the stall as well as for donations of cake is available from today on the table at the back. Please do sign if you can help. We hope we will once again have a generous response from you, as last year. Further details speak to Sandra or Felicity.

Thy Kingdom Come
2025 (TKC) - 29th May - 8th June. We will be once again be joining with the global ecumenical wave of prayer. The movement invites Christians around the world to pray from

Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday for more people to come to know Jesus. This is the 10th year of Thy Kingdom Come. Please use the Prayer Journal and the Novena booklet handed out today. You can also sign up on the TKC website and follow interesting stories of witness and encouragement.

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