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lives

St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst - Parish Eucharist
Service
29.6.2025- The Second
Sunday after Trinity
The Feast of St. Peter and St.
Paul

Details for the Zoom Service if
you wish to follow on Zoom:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784

Passcode: 5i1UCa

Today's sides people are Kate
Lagden and Anne
Wheelhouse

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

Hymn (Please stand if you are
able)

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's
blood?

Died He for me, who caused
His pain?

For me, who Him to death
pursued?

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die
for me?

Refrain:

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die
for me!*

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal
dies!

Who can explore His strange
design?

In vain the firstborn seraph
tries

To sound the depths of love
divine!

'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no
more. [Refrain]

He left His Father's throne
above,

So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless
race;

'Tis mercy all, immense and
free;

For, O my God, it found out me.
[Refrain]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's
night;

Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [Refrain]

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. [Refrain]

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

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
Call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked abandon their ways
And the unrighteous their thoughts.

Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;
To our God who will richly pardon.

A time of silence and self-examination is kept.

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

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. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one

foundation, 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 - Acts 12:1-11 **read by** Stephen Crowe

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. After

arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron

gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Fight the good fight with all your might;

Christ is your strength, and Christ is your right;

Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;

Lift up your eyes, and seek his face.

Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.⁴

Cast care aside; upon your Guide

Lean, and his mercy will provide;

Lean, and the trusting soul
shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its
love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are
near;
He changes not, and you are
dear;
Only believe, and own it true
That Christ is all in all to you.

Gospel

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the
hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of
your love.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Je-
sus Christ according to Mat-
thew, Chapter 16 beginning at
verse 13.

When Jesus came to the re-
gion of Caesarea Philippi, he
asked his disciples, "Who do
people say the Son of Man is?"
They replied, "Some say John
the Baptist; others say Elijah;
and still others, Jeremiah or
one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he
asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You
are the Messiah, the Son of the
living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are
you, Simon son of Jonah, for
this was not revealed to you by
flesh and blood, but by my Fa-
ther in heaven. And I tell you
that you are Peter, and on this
rock I will build my church, and
the gates of Hades will not
overcome it. I will give you the
keys of the kingdom of heaven;
whatever you bind on earth will
be bound in heaven, and what-
ever you loose on earth will be
loosed in heaven."

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

The Reflection

The Nicene Creed

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

**We believe in one Lord, Je-
sus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Fa-
ther,**

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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 Jane Cooper

Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints, let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross. Look with mercy upon those whom he calls today, marks with the cross and makes his disciples within the Church ...

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs ...

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him, his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share ...

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing ...

We pray for Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, John Tanner, Irene Bow, Brian Elliott, Jill Fitzpatrick, Keith Brown, Val Manser, Thomas Cox, Gwen Brown.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death ...

We pray for the recently departed. For Robbie Robinson and Rowena Bennett.

We pray for those whose years mind occur at this time...

Emily Arnold, Leila Philips, Colin Patterson, Marguerite Dunlop, Sheila Davis, Patsy Horner, Sandy Jones, Leslie Parsons, Norman French, Peter Maugham, Scarlett Reader, Ronald Poole, Ray Phillips, David William Potter, Lewis Waghorn.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit

by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly

light and life and strength be-
long,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
Holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.

Adoration may be given,
with and through the angelic
host,
to the God of earth and
heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Blessed are you, Lord God of
all creation: through your good-
ness we have this bread to of-
fer, 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 good-
ness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of hu-
man hands. It will become for
us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Be present, be present, Lord
Jesus Christ, our risen high
priest; make yourself known in
the breaking of bread.

Amen.

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**

*The Vicar leads us in the
proper preface for today, after
which the congregation joins in
saying together:*

**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.**

*The Vicar continues with the
Eucharistic Prayer until the
words of acclamation:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of
faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

*The Vicar continues with the
rest of the Eucharistic Prayer
ending with the words:*

by whom, and with whom, and
in whom, in the unity of the
Holy

Spirit, all honour and glory be
yours, Almighty Father, for
ever and ever. **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 for-
give us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who tres-
pass against us. And lead us
not into temptation; but de-
liver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, the power and
the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have
mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Prayer of Humble Access

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 as we join with those watching and worshipping with us on Zoom

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: Kent Haries and Felicity Robinson

Communion Hymn

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed,
and be Thy feast to us the token

that by Thy grace our souls are fed.

Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious

His mercy endures for ever.

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notices

The Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with Peter and Paul and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ Amen

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of

Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. [Refrain]

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conq'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]

This is the sign that Satan's legions fear,
And angels veil their faces to revere. [Refrain]

Saved by this cross whereon their Lord was slain,
The heirs of Adam their lost home regain. [Refrain]

From north and south, from east and west they raise
In growing unison their song of praise. [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.**

We listen to the 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: 5i1Uca

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 *Welcome* tab and through a link under *Giving*.

Churchyard working party - on Saturday July 5th from 10am to 12 midday. Please join us. Jane, Lynn and Caire.

New Chalice Bearers – if you are one of the new chalice bearers Fr. Rodney would like to hold a short meeting for you, straight after the 10am Eucharist next Sunday 6th July, to explain more about the procedure. Please go straight to the Warrior Chapel at the end of the service.

Garden of Remembrance – a small team of people currently maintain this special area of the churchyard. A few more helpers would be useful! If you would like to help (this is not heavy work), please speak to Claire or Liz.

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