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St. Laurence Parish Church
Hawkhurst, Parish Eucharist
Service.

27.7. 2025 - THE FEAST OF ST.
MARY MAGDALENE

Please Note: The Zoom details
for this service are:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
Passcode: 5i1UCa

The Sidesman today are: Judy
Darkins and Jean Elliott

PLEASE TAKE THIS PEW
BOOKLET HOME WITH YOU

Welcome

Hymn (please stand if you are
able)

Come, let us join our cheerful
songs

with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their
tongues,
but all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they
cry,

'to be exalted thus';

'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can
give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.

The whole creation joins in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

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

We run the race set before us,
surrounded by a great cloud of
witnesses. Therefore let us lay
aside every weight, and the sin
which clings to us so closely,
bringing them to Jesus in
penitence and faith. **Amen**

Kyries (Sung)

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

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)

Refrain:

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest!

**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. -
*Refrain***

**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. - *Refrain*

**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. -
*Refrain***

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; 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 - 2 Corinthians
5:14-17 read by Anne
Wheelhouse

For Christ's love compels us,
because we are convinced that
one died for all, and therefore all
died. And he died for all, that
those who live should no longer
live for themselves but for him
who died for them and was raised
again.

So from now on we regard no one
from a worldly point of view.
Though we once regarded Christ
in this way, we do so no longer.
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come: The
old has gone, the new is here!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,

then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Glory to the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who
is to come.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John

Glory to Christ our Lord

Early on the first day of the week,
while it was still dark, Mary
Magdalene went to the tomb and
saw that the stone had been
removed from the entrance. So
she came running to Simon Peter
and the other disciple, the one
Jesus loved, and said, "They have
taken the Lord out of the tomb,
and we don't know where they

have put him!" Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Reflection

Nicene Creed

**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 men and for our
salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of 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
Rachel Elliott

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
continue to pray for: Eleanor Ash,
David Winstone, John Tanner,
Irene Bow, Brian Elliott, Jill
Fitzpatrick, Keith Brown, Val
Manser, Thomas Cox, Gwen
Brown, Peter Duffy, Matt, Hannah
and Janice Fenlon.

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 those recently departed: Danija Antonijevic, Robbie Robinson and Rowena Bennett.

We pray for those whose years' mind occurs at this time: Harry Harttrup, Frank Collins, Raymond Dreyer, Mary Porter, George Williams, Grace Dreyer, Biddy Woods, Gloria Cox. Rosemary Whittome, Philip Warner, Alfred Mills, Reginald Wheelhouse, Louisa Shilling.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace. **And rise in glory.**

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In the silence of our hearts we offer to God our own particular prayers....

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

Almighty God, Grant that your Church may faithfully hold and

make known the faith that has come to us through the apostles, that with them and all your saints we may inherit the glories of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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)

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee

the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see

on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;

gird up your loins, ye prophet
souls,
proclaim the day is near:

The day in whose clear-shining
light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in
might,
and every hurt be healed

When knowledge, hand in hand
with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad:
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRA- MENT

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 indeed right and good, our
duty and our salvation, to praise
you, the all-powerful Father, in
every season, and on this holy
day to celebrate the glory of your
saints. In Mary Magdalene you
kindled a fire of love for Christ,
whose word had set her free. You
gave her the courage of love to
follow him even to the cross.
Seeking her teacher after his
death, so great was her longing
that you made her the first to be-
hold him risen from the dead, and
the first to announce to the apos-
tles his new and glorious risen life.
Her words still ring throughout
your Church, to strengthen faith
and encourage hope in those who

gather faithfully for prayer. And so with her, and all the citizens of heaven, we join our voices to acclaim your glory in this their joyful hymn of 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.**

God our redeemer, on our journey with you, turn us from your burden into carriers of one another's burdens. On the way you feed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation. Now send down your Holy Spirit that we may be made holy as you are holy and that these gifts of the earth and human hands may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ

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

Merciful God, in Jesus, through story, miracle and example you turn us and all creation upside down. Direct our hearts in the ways we should go, visit the downtrodden and set them on their feet again, and restore the land, the sea and air of your creation, that all things and creatures and people may fulfil their created purpose in reflecting your glory and singing your praise, until the day when you are all in all, in union with Christ, ever one God.

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.**

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 re-
ceive 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 righteous-
ness, but in thy manifold and
great mercies. We are not wor-
thy 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, gra-
cious 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 Spir-
itual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that you are
present in the most Blessed
Sacrament. I love You above
all things and I desire to re-
ceive you into my soul. Since I
cannot now receive You sacra-
mentally, come at least spiritu-
ally 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:
Sandra Dreyer and Felicity Robin-
son

Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ, our God, to earth descend-
ing,
comes our homage to command.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,

Lord of lords in human likeness,
in the body and the blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way
as the Light from Light, descend-
ing

from the realms of endless day,
comes the pow'rs of hell to van-
quish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Post - Communion Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord for God is
gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

God of life and love, whose risen
Son called Mary Magdalene by
name and sent her to tell of his
resurrection to his apostles: in
your mercy, help us, who have
been united with him in this eu-
charist, to proclaim the good news
that he is alive and reigns, now
and for ever. **Amen**

The Blessing

May Christ, who makes saints of
sinners, who has transformed
those we remember today, raise
and strengthen you that you may
transform the world; and the

blessing of God almighty, the Fa-
ther, 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.

Notices

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

For all the saints who from their
labours rest,
who Thee by faith before the
world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever
blest.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their For-
tress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the
well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their
one true Light.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship di-
vine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory
shine;
yet all are one in Thee, for all are
Thine.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the
warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant tri-
umph song,

and hearts are brave again, and
arms are strong.

Alleluia, Alleluia

But then there breaks a still more
glorious day:

the saints triumphant rise in bright
array;

the King of glory passes on His
way.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from
ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in
the countless host,
in praise of Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 de-
parted through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. **And rise in glory.
Amen.**

Retiring Organ Voluntary

NOTICES

Wednesday Eucharist at Bowles
Lodge ~ 10.00a.m. Please do join
us.

Compline - We celebrate a com-
pline 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*.

HOLY ISLAND TRIP

**Have you ever fancied a trip to
Holy Island off the Northumber-
land Coast?**

If so, now's your chance!!

**Fr. Rodney would like to make
a St Laurence trip to Holy Is-
land as part of his final year.**

**The proposed dates are ap-
proximately 13th to 18th Septem-
ber.**

**If you are interested in joining
the group please see either Fr.
Rodney or Ali Jones.**

Deadline for decisions is 31st July.

Cost is to be arranged according to the number of participants and the Air B and B cost.

God, the Planet and Us is a short, online, evening course from St Augustine's College of Theology, designed to help ordinary Christians understand and navigate our ecological and climate crisis. Find out more and book your place at <https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/god-the-planet-and-us/>

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Course Overview

Faithful Christians face real and difficult questions in this time of environmental crisis.

In this five-week course, you'll join people like you to explore answers with scientists, theologians and biblical scholars.

Together, we'll find out how we can shape our discipleship to make a difference in God's precious and precarious creation.

What will the course cover?

Over five sessions, we will discuss subjects including:

- Science
- The Bible

- Theological perspectives
- Spirituality and action.

When and where?

- Tuesday evenings, 16 September to 14 October 2025, 7.30 to 9.00pm
- Online, so you can join wherever you are in the world

How much does the course cost?

God, the Planet, and Us

costs just £50, with free places available for people facing economic disadvantage.

You don't need study experience to apply – the course is open to all.

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