

**St. Laurence Parish Church,**  
**Hawkhurst in the Diocese of**  
**Canterbury**

**10.8.2025 - The Festival**  
**Eucharist for St. Laurence,**  
**Archdeacon and Martyr 258**  
**A.D.,**

**The Sidesmen today are**  
**Anne Wheelhouse and**  
**Diana Ringer**

The You Tube details for this  
service are:  
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As we gather and prepare to  
join in worship, music is played  
on the organ.

**Welcome**

**Hymn**

O Word of simple wonder  
which the prophets voices tell!  
Hope divine was born of Mary  
in this sacrament to dwell;  
born of grace and holy virtue  
God is here, Emmanuel.

Holy One, and our Redeemer  
under judgement of the law;  
still he comes his goodness  
showing

truth and beauty to restore;  
now as heirs, in blessed  
freedom,  
Blood and Body we adore!  
For thy saints O Lord, we  
thank you  
in the faith which they profess;  
Through their love and work  
and witness  
which inspires us to confess;  
You O Jesus Christ, are our  
Lord  
ever to be served and adored.  
Word made flesh to dwell  
among us,  
perfect love in him is found;  
fullness of the Father's glory,  
light and loveliness abound.  
Let us now in silence worship  
O what mystery profound!

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

St. Laurence was faithful unto death and now dwells in the heavenly kingdom for ever. As we celebrate his joy, let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses, and ask for his mercy.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

We sing:

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*

***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.

***Glory to God .....***

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.

***Glory to God .....***

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.

***Glory to God .....***

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who made St. Laurence a loving servant of your people and a wise steward of the treasures of

your Church: fire us with his example to love as he loved and to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; 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

#### Prayer before receiving the Word of God — Before we read, we pray

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 9:6-10 read by Clive Dewing

Brothers and sisters:

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion,

for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work.

As it is written:

He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.

The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

#### Hymn

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)

that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear

the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils  
and snares

I have already come:

'tis grace has brought me safe  
thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to  
me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart  
shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve  
like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here  
below,  
will be forever mine.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever follows me will not  
walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life,  
says the Lord.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gos-  
pel according to John

## **Glory to Christ our Lord**

### Gospel - John 12:24-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless a grain of wheat falls to  
the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies, it produces much  
fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it,  
and whoever hates his life in  
this world

will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must fol-  
low me,

and where I am, there also will  
my servant be.

The Father will honour who-  
ever serves me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise be 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 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 led by Robin Crowther

As we give thanks for our patron saint Laurence, we pray for strength to follow Jesus.

Saviour, we hear your call.

**Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

**Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Unless you change and become humble like little children, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

Saviour, we hear your call.  
**Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Happy are the humble they will receive what God has promised.'

Saviour, we hear your call.  
**Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Be merciful as your Father is merciful; love your enemies and do good to them.'

Saviour, we hear your call.  
**Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Love one another, as I love you; there is no greater love than this, to lay down your life for your friends.'  
Saviour, we hear your call.  
**Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Go to people everywhere and make them my disciples, and I will be with you always, to the end of time.'  
Saviour, we hear your call.  
**Help us to follow.**

We pray for all who suffer, especially those suffering with their mental health, and for those who care for them. We 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  
Saviour, we hear your call.  
**Help us to follow.**

We pray for all recently departed: Danija Antonijevic

We pray for those who's years mind occurs this month: Olivia Mason, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Douglas Nurney, Eric Warren, Gordon Garwood-Warren, William Livermore, Gerald Abbey, Frederick Skeet. Barbara Cox and Graham Brackstone.

Saviour, we hear your call.  
**Help us to follow.**

God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

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

### The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

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

### Hymn

Will you come and follow me if  
I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't  
know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown?

Will you let my Name be  
known?

Will you let my life be grown in  
you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind  
if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or  
scare?

Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I  
but call your name?

Will you set the prisoner free  
and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen?

And admit to what I mean in  
you and you in me?

Will you love the 'You' you hide  
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've  
found to reshape the world  
around

through my sight and touch  
and sound in you and you in  
me?

Christ, your summons echoes  
true when you but call my  
name.

Let me turn and follow you and  
never be the same.

In your company I'll go where  
your love and footsteps show,  
thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me?

### THE LITURGY OF THE SAC- RAMENT

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 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 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.**

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 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 that we should give you thanks, praise and glory, almighty and

everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles, evangelists and martyrs to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth. Himself the chief cornerstone, he founded his Church upon the apostles firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven. And so with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we lift our voices and join in their unending 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 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 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.**

A Prayer for those joining us on  
You Tube 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.**

Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this your Table, O 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 thy Table. But you are the same Lord, whose property 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.**

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.**

The Distribution of Communion

The Chalice bearers today are:  
Alison Parsons and Alison  
Jones

Communion Hymn

Sing with all the saints in glory,  
sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,

to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking;

soon the storms of time shall cease;

in God's likeness we awaken,  
knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding  
all that eye has yet perceived!

Holiest hearts for ages plead-  
ing  
never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ pre-  
pares it;  
there on high our welcome  
waits.  
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it.  
Christ has passed th'eternal  
gates.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:  
Jesus lives who once was  
dead.  
Shout with joy, O deathless  
voices!  
Child of God, lift up your head!  
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders  
crowd on faith: what joy un-  
known,  
when amid earth's closing  
thunders,  
saints shall stand before the  
throne!

#### Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God  
is gracious

**God's mercy endures for  
ever.**

Eternal God, who gave us this  
holy meal in which we have  
celebrated the glory of the  
cross and the victory of your

martyr Laurence, by our com-  
munion with Christ in his sav-  
ing death and resurrection give  
us with all your saints the cour-  
age to conquer evil and so to  
share the fruit of the tree of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Father almighty we offer our-  
selves to you as a living sac-  
rifice in Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Send us out into the  
world in the power of the  
Holy Spirit to live and work  
to your praise and glory.**

**Amen**

#### Notices

##### The Blessing

May God bless you with dis-  
comfort at easy answers, half  
truths, and superficial relation-  
ships, so that you may live  
deep within your heart. **Amen.**

May God bless you with anger  
at injustice, oppression, and  
exploitation of people, so that  
you may work for justice, free-  
dom and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless you with tears  
to shed for those who suffer  
from pain, rejection, starvation  
and war, so that you may reach  
out your hand to comfort them  
and to turn their pain into joy.

## **Amen.**

May God bless you with  
enough foolishness to believe  
that you can make a difference  
in this world, so that you can do  
what others claim cannot be  
done. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

## Hymn

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 dread, their one true  
light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful,  
true, and bold  
fight as the saints who nobly  
fought of old  
and win with them the victor's  
crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellow-  
ship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in  
glory shine;

yet all are one in thee, for all  
are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight 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!

The golden evening brightens  
in the west  
soon, soon to faithful warriors  
cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise  
the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo! there breaks a yet 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,  
singing to 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 departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **And rise in glory. Amen.**

#### Retiring Organ Voluntary

We listen to the organ voluntary

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### **NOTICES**

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

Ride and Stride - This year marks the 40th anniversary of the annual Ride and Stride for Churches, raising money for the repair and maintenance of historic Kent Churches.

The event takes place on Saturday 13th September and participants are encouraged to cycle or walk (or run) around Kent, visiting participating churches on the way and getting sponsored for their efforts. If you are interested in taking part in this very worthwhile sponsored event, either by cycling, walking or manning our church on the day, please contact Felicity Robinson at church or on 07871999536 for sponsorship forms or more details. Many thanks

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