

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

**The Seventeenth Sunday**  
**after Trinity - 12.10.2025**

*This church is a Hybrid Church open for public worship and private prayer. This service will be live streamed. Your image will be captured on CCTV as a participant in the liturgy. Please tell a sidesman if you do not wish to be filmed in order to be seated in a position out of the view of the camera.*

The You Tube link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/@StLaurenceChurchHawkhurst>

The Sidesmen today are Kate  
Lagden and Diana Hunt

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

WELCOME

Hymn:

The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of Everlasting Days,  
and God of Love;

Jehovah, great I AM!

by earth and heaven  
confessed;

I bow and bless the sacred  
name  
forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn;  
I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings  
upborne,  
to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face;  
I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's  
grace  
forevermore.

The heavenly land I see,  
with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty,  
and endless rest.

There milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow  
with mercy crowned.

The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry  
"Almighty King!

Who was, and is, the same,  
and evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,  
we worship thee!"

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

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.**

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.**

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, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 read by Bob Ash  
A reading from St. Paul's  
Second letter to Timothy,  
Chapter two beginning at verse eight.

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying

is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

This is the word of the Lord

### **Thanks be to God**

#### Hymn

A man there lived in Galilee  
like none who lived before,  
for he alone from first to last  
our flesh unblemished wore;  
a perfect life of perfect deeds  
once to the world was shown,  
that people all might mark his  
steps  
and in them plant their own.

A man there died on Calvary  
above all others brave;  
the human race he saved and  
blessed,  
himself he scorned to save.  
No thought can gauge the  
weight of woe  
on him, the sinless, laid;  
we only know that with his  
blood  
our ransom price was paid.

A man there reigns in glory  
now,  
divine, yet human still;  
that human which is all divine  
death sought in vain to kill.  
All pow'r is his; supreme he  
rules  
the realms of time and space;  
yet still our human cares and  
needs  
find in his heart a place.

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,**  
In all circumstances, give  
thanks,  
for this is the will of God for you  
in Christ Jesus.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia,**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to Luke Chapter  
seventeen beginning at the  
eleventh verse

### **Glory to Christ our Lord**

As Jesus continued his journey  
to Jerusalem, he travelled  
through Samaria and Galilee.  
As he was entering a village,  
ten lepers met him. They stood  
at a distance from him and  
raised their voices, saying,

"Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realising he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

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 and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate 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 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,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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

Paul urged Timothy and now he urges us to remember the good news that we will share in the salvation that is in Christ Jesus. In this faith we ask for our needs to be granted.

We pray for the leaders of our Church, Archbishop designate, Sarah and Rose, Bishop of Dover, and leaders in the clergy, laity and religious. May they always cherish and protect the Good News entrusted to them by Jesus

Christ and handed on through the apostles.

Lord hear us **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for the leaders of nations and economic structures that they will learn and understand the privilege and responsibility that goes with power and make continual efforts to work towards justice and prosperity for all their people.

Lord hear us **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for our community that the gift of gratitude may resound within us every day. May we share the Good News through our witness to the grace that God has given us and that is available to all people.

Lord hear us **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for all those who are sad and dissatisfied. May they understand that the gift of faith and gratitude is healing and restorative in times of distress.

Lord hear us **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for all those who are suffering from the effects of war, famine, disease, climate change and other things beyond their control. May the organisations that are able to help them be greeted with gratitude and may our community be generous in support of them.

Lord hear us **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for those who suffer in particular remembering; Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, John Tanner, Irene Bow, Brian Elliott, Jill Fitzpatrick, Keith Brown, Thomas Cox, Gwen Brown, Peter Duffy, Matt, Jill, Carol, Ellamae Coy, Dido Robson, Hannah and Chris Bodeen.

Lord hear us **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for those in our community who are grieving for those who have died. Bring them comfort through the warm hearts of those who care for them.

Lord hear us **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for all who have entered into your presence and are enjoying your everlasting care. Especially we pray for those recently departed, the newly presented servants of God, especially those who have died alone and unremembered. We pray for Syd Rivers recently departed  
Lord hear us **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Kathleen Anderson, Michelle Berge, Mary Howarth, Raymond John Denney, Carmen Bickle, John Velvick, Tim Morton, Janusz Kent, Janina Misayat, Christopher Denne, Pat Bassant, Philip Sheldon, Arthur Horner, Graham Rutherford, Patricia Travers, Janet Attwood, Alan Collins, Anne Felton Gerber, Dorothy Heady, Peggy Richardson, Andrew Burke-Smith, Ken Davis, Sophie Ford, Doreen Joyce Robinson, Ken Davis, Elizabeth Norton-Smith, Audrey Watson, Rosamund Johnson

Lord hear us **Lord graciously hear us**

*In silence we bring to the Lord our own particular prayers*

Bountiful God, through your grace alone we are able to offer these petitions in faith, knowing that they will be answered through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 *(During this hymn a collection will be taken for the continuing work of this church locally)*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm 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

This grace that brought me safe thus far

And grace will lead me home

When we've been here ten thousand years

Bright, shining as the sun

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we first begun

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm found

Was blind but now I see

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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.**

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**

Trusting and abiding God, we lift our hearts to thank and praise you, because even when we are faithless toward you, you are always faithful toward us. In creation you made myriad wonders for us to enjoy; yet in our sin we saw scarcity rather than abundance. In Israel you made a people for your own heart; but your people longed to be like other nations. In exile you taught your prophets and priests to seek the welfare of the city where you had sent them. There in a foreign land you made yourself known to your people in a new way, so that when your Son Jesus Christ was crucified for our salvation his disciples saw in his servanthood the pattern of your suffering love. And so with

all the company of heaven we rejoice in the eternal song.

**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.**

Restoring God as in Christ you made a new community out of exiles, so today you gather at your table the leper, the outcast and the wounded. Send your Spirit upon your church, that it may be a community of reconciliation and truth. Sanctify these gifts of bread and wine: make them be for us the body and blood of our Lord 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.**

God of healing and grace, bless those who are in exile and see no way to reach home. Be close to all who have no house to live in, no garden to plant, no food to eat, no respite from sickness, prejudice, oppression or danger. By the power of the Holy Spirit, abide with those whose time is short, that they may know that if they die with Christ, they will also live with him; that if they endure, they will also reign with him; until that day when he returns in glory with judgement enfolded in mercy and truth embraced by grace, ever on God, Trinity of holiness and love. **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.**

#### The Fraction

**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.**

#### The Agnus Dei

**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 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.**

#### 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:  
Peter Hodges and Ali Jones

#### Post Communion Hymn

O Lord my God, when I in  
awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds thy  
hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the  
rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the  
universe displayed:

#### Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my  
Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great  
thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my*

*Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great  
thou art!*

When through the woods and  
forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing  
sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty  
mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel  
the gentle breeze: Refrain

And when I think how God, his  
Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can  
take it in;  
That on the cross, my burdens  
gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away  
my sin: Refrain

When Christ shall come with  
shouts of acclamation,  
To take me home, what joy  
will fill my heart!  
Then I will bow in humble  
adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God,  
how great thou art!

#### Post - Communion Prayers

Give thanks to the Lord for God  
is gracious

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Father almighty we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice 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 discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, 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, freedom 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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like  
showers

upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like  
flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains,  
shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in  
fountains,  
from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever;  
that name to us is love.

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  
**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:  
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**Harvest Supper** - The  
amazing amount of £717.29  
was made at the Harvest  
Supper. A very big thank you  
to the Social Committee for  
their work in preparing such a  
wonderful evening and to  
everyone who attended.

**Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>** -  
Parish Lunch - 2nd November  
2025

Hot meal - vegetarian/vegan  
option available, wine/soft  
drinks included.

£10 per head, under 16's £5,  
under 10's free. Please bring  
own plates/cutlery etc. Sign up  
form on table by entrance.

Contributions of desserts  
welcome, please indicate.

Please also indicate if you  
need transport. Steve and  
Diana Ringer

**Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>** - at  
**7:30pm** in St Laurence  
Church, the Bodiam Band are  
holding an informal 'cabaret  
style' concert with interval

music performed by small ensembles from the band. They'd love to see you if you can make it.

**Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Remembrance Service.

**Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>** – King Aardvarks Big Swing Band concert 7pm in church. Put on your dancing shoes. Tickets £15 to include the first drink. Paying licenced bar and snacks available during the interval. Tickets available from October.

**Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>** – Light up a Life service (Hospice in the Weald) at 3.00pm.

**Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Tree Festival 10am – 4pm.

**Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Tree Festival 10am – 4pm.

**Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Tree Festival 11.30– 4pm.

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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 below.



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