

SERVICE BOOK



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WELCOME TO ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, LECHLADE

We come together to worship God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As the people of God, we want to worship in spirit and truth, whether in traditional or more contemporary ways. Our prayer is that you know and experience Jesus Christ for yourself, trusting in Him as Lord and Saviour.

LIVE STREAMING – 10am Sunday services, together with a few other special services, are broadcast and recordings will be available for subsequent viewing. People cannot be with us in person for a wide variety of different reasons and this facility is an increasingly important ministry.

CHILDREN – we welcome children and want parents to feel comfortable and safe bringing their families to worship with us. There is a Children's Corner at the back of church with toys and activities. Children's groups (divided up by age) meet most Sundays to have fun and explore the Christian faith together.

TOILETS are currently situated in the Church Cottage, through the gate in the wall on your right-hand side as you leave the church.

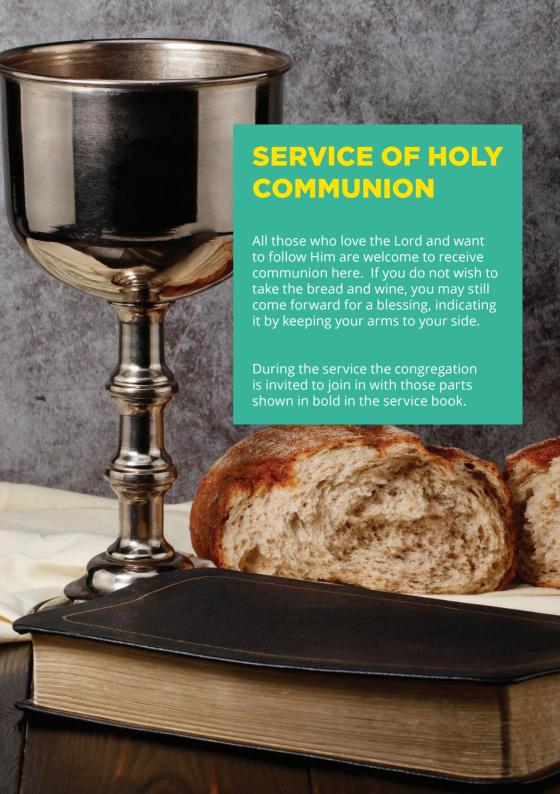
PRAYER MINISTRY – if you have a burden which you would like to share with someone, trusted Christians in our prayer ministry team are available to pray with you straight after the 10am service.

REFRESHMENTS – we invite you to join us for refreshments after the 10am service on a Sunday. This time of fellowship is a great opportunity to meet new people and catch up with friends.

FINANCIAL GIVING – giving is an important part of our Christian discipleship, and your gift towards the mission, ministry and upkeep of this church is appreciated and welcomed. You can give cash in the collection plate or use our contactless giving unit. We also encourage planned giving through the Parish Giving Scheme – details of the Scheme and also Gift Aid declaration envelopes for one-off donations are available at the back of church or from our Treasurer.

LARGE PRINT SERVICE SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST





Gluten free wafers are available, please ask as you come up to take communion.

Please follow the directions of the stewards when moving to take communion. This helps to keep the flow of people orderly.

Our 10am Sunday services, together with a few other special services are livestreamed from a camera in the front pew. If you prefer not to be visible on the stream, please ensure you keep out of the range of the camera.

The communion table is placed in the nave of the church
At the beginning of the service, there will be a welcome and a hymn/song

HYMN 1

GREETING

The minister greets the people

God is spirit Let us worship him in spirit and truth.

The Lord is with us **Let us praise his name together.**

or

Lord, speak to us that we may hear your word.

Move among us that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers that we may learn to trust you. Amen.

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; 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

SAYING SORRY TO GOD

The minister invites the people to confession in these or other suitable words. Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and grace.

The people join in with one of the following:

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.

We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.

For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

The minister proclaims God's forgiveness to His people

May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT

A prayer for the day, said in churches across the world

BIBLE READING

All sit as the reading is announced. At the end, the reader may say
This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 2

SERMON

WHAT WE BELIEVE

All stand as we affirm our Christian faith using either of the forms following:

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

or

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

PRAYERS

We may sit or kneel to pray to God.

The following response may be used, or an alternative announced

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer

And at the end this (or an alternative) may be said to finish

Merciful Father,

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

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

NOTICES AND BANNS OF MARRIAGE

THE PEACE

We stand to affirm our unity and peace in Christ

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The people share a sign of peace with each other, such as a handshake

HYMN 3

HOLY COMMUNION

The communion table is prepared with the bread and wine placed upon it.

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

His Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, Jesus had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: 'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: '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.'

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

An anthem may be sung.

Please follow the directions of the stewards when moving to take communion. The minister and people receive communion with authorised words of distribution. Songs may be sung during the distribution of communion. Following communion the children's groups may show us what they have done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A seasonal introduction may be used.

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the body
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live
and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

HYMN 4 during which a collection will be taken

BLESSING

A seasonal introduction to the blessing may be used.

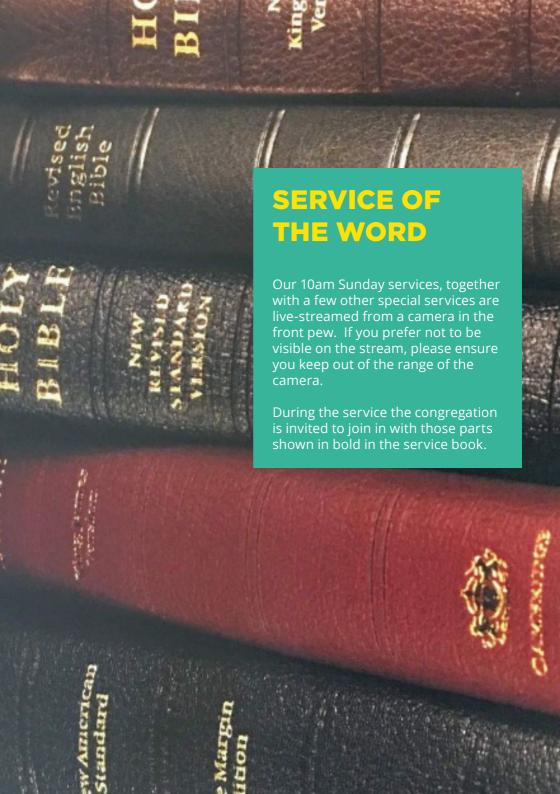
The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

The ministers and people depart.



GREETING

The minister greets the people

O Lord, open our lips;

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

or

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you; and also with you.

A hymn or song may be sung

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

The minister invites the people to confession in these or other suitable words.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

The people join in with one of the following:

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.

We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.

For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen

or

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The minister pronounces God's forgiveness and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through lesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

this or another Psalm may be said

Psalm 95, 'The Venite'

- ^{1.} O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- ^{2.} Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
- 4. In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- ^{6.} Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- ^{7.} For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
- ^{8.} O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, on that day at Massah in the wilderness,
- ^{9.} 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.
- ^{10.} 'Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
- 11. 'So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest."

COLLECT

A prayer for the day, said in churches across the world

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We sit or kneel to pray to God.
The following response may be used, or an alternative announced
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And at the end this may be said to finish

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

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

NOTICES AND BANNS OF MARRIAGE

BIBLE READINGS

All sit. The reading is announced.

At the end the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

A hymn or song may be sung

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All stand

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

or

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The children's groups may return to show us what they have been doing.

A hymn or song may be sung, during which a collection may be taken.

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

The minister ends the service with suitable words such as these

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to come among us in great humility, open your eyes to look for his coming again. **Amen**.

May God the Son give you grace to live in the light of his coming as redeemer and judge.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit free you from sin, make you holy, and bring you to eternal life.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

or

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the courage to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

To him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Saviour through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and for ever.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Amen.

The ministers and people depart.



ADDITIONAL TEXTS





- 1. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.
- ^{2.} Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.
- 3. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- 4. what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?
- 5. You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honour.
- 6. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything uwnder their feet:
- 7. all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,
- 8. the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.
- ^{9.} Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

PSALM 25

of David

- 1. In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.
- ^{2.} I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 3. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.
- 4. Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.
- 5. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.
- 6. Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
- 7. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.
- 8. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
- ^{9.} He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.
- ^{10.} All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.
- ^{11.} For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

- 1. Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ^{2.} Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.
- 3. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
- 4. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- 5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ^{6.} He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
- 10. The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
- ^{11.} May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

PSALM 46 *verses 1-3, 8, 10*

- 1. The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold; God will help at the break of day.
- ^{2.} The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold; God will help at the break of day.
- 3. God is our refuge and strength, ready to help whenever we are in trouble:
- 4. God will help at the break of day.
- 5. We will not fear, even if the earth shakes, and the mountains topple into the sea:
- 6. God will help at the break of day.
- 7. Come now and look at the works of the Lord, the awesome things he has done on earth:
- 8. God will help at the break of day.
- 9. Be still and know that I am God;I will be exalted among the nations;I will be exalted in the earth:
- ^{10.}God will help at the break of day.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

11. The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold: God will help at the break of day.

for the director of music. For Jeduthun. A psalm of David.

- 1. Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.
- ^{2.} Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.
- 3. How long will you assault me? Would all of you throw me down this leaning wall, this tottering fence?
- 4. Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place; they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse.
- 5. Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.
- ^{6.} Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
- My salvation and my honour depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- 8. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

PSALM 86

a prayer of David.

- 1. Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
- ^{2.} Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you You are my God;
- 3. have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long.
- 4. Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.
- ^{5.} You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.
- ^{6.} Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.
- 7. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.
- 8. Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.
- ^{9.} All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name.

For you are great and do marvellous deeds; you alone are God.

a psalm. For giving grateful praise.

- 1. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- ^{2.} Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- 3. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- 4. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
- ^{5.} For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

PSALM 121

a song of ascents.

- 1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?
- 2. My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- 3. He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber:
- 4. indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 1. The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
- ^{2.} the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 3. The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life;
- 4. the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

- 1. Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord. Let your ears be open to hear my voice.
- ^{2.} My hope is in God's word.
- 3. If you recorded all our sins who could come before you?
- 4. My hope is in God's word.
- 5. There is forgiveness with you: therefore you shall be feared.
- ^{6.} My hope is in God's word.
- My soul is longing for the Lord, more than those who watch for daybreak.
- 8. My hope is in God's word.
- ^{9.} O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy.
- ^{10.} My hope is in God's word.
- ^{11.} Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
- ^{12.} My hope is in God's word.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

PSALM 146

- 1. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.
- ^{2.} I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- 3. Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.
- 4. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.
- 5. Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
- 6. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them he remains faithful forever.
- ^{7.} He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free,
- 8. the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.
- ^{9.} The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.
- ^{10.}The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God you shall have no other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honour your father and your mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

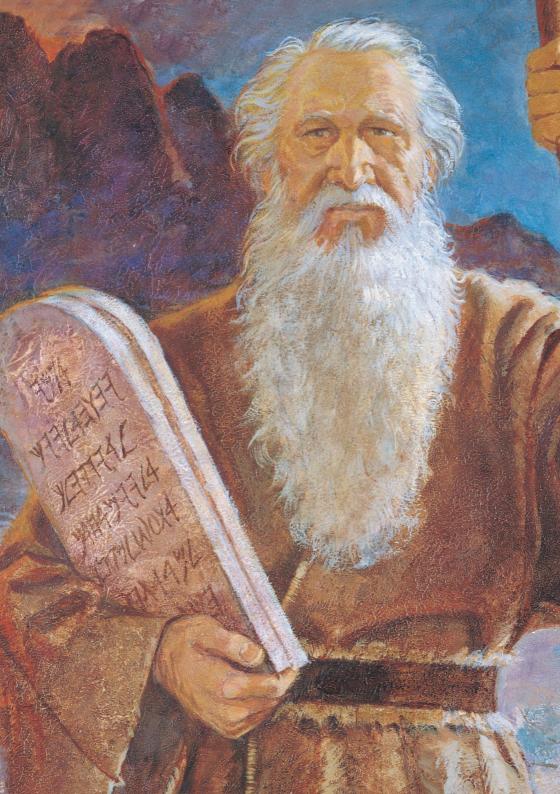
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not bear false witness.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these your laws in our hearts.





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