



St Lawrence Church
LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

Sunday 2nd February 2025
Candlemas

FAMILY COMMUNION

**We will be using the green service books
from page 3**

*Our service this morning will be live-streamed and
recorded from a camera in the front right-hand pew*

WELCOME *Rev Gareth Griffith*

HYMN

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and His parents are left on their own.

A glory dawns.....

They go to the temple, obeying the law,
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.

A glory dawns.....

But Anna and Simeon recognise there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.

A glory dawns.....

The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.

A glory dawns.....

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.

A glory dawns.....

The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.

A glory dawns.....

Elizabeth Cosnett

(Service book pages 4-5)

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the
Temple in substance of our flesh; grant that we may
be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen**

BIBLE READING – James 3:1-12

Pew Bibles, New Testament page 227

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

TALK – Rev Andrew Cinnamond

(Service book page 6-7)

HYMN

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth You now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory.*

*Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;*

send forth Your word,

Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by the blood I may enter Your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine....

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story:
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine....

Graham Kendrick

**NOTICES, BANNS OF MARRIAGE and
PRESENTATION**

HOLY COMMUNION

(Service book pages 8-10)

HYMNS during communion

Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant Your servant
his discharge in peace.

All the Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.

This Your great deliverance
sets Your people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.

Christ, Your people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
grant to us, Your servants,
our discharge in peace.

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is
moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
be still, for the power of the Lord is
moving in this place.

David J Evans

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who
lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have
received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet
Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal
life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

HYMN *(during which a collection will be taken)*

Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed His sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven adore Him;
angel hosts His praises sing;
powers, dominions bow before Him
and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.

Prudentius, tr J M Neale

(Service book page 10)

*Members of the Prayer Ministry team are ready to
pray with you in confidence in the side chapel after
the service this morning*

You may prefer to give contactlessly – if so
please use the payment unit at the back of
church or scan this code with a smartphone.



Please feel free to take service sheets home