



St Lawrence Church

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

Sunday 30th November 2025
Advent Sunday

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

**We will be using the brown service books
from page 1**

WELCOME *Denver Keegan*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



HYMN

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before Him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of His grace
to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with Thy belovèd name.

Philip Doddridge

(Service book pages 1-3)

COLLECT

Almighty God, as your Kingdom dawns, turn us from
the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we
may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ. **Amen**

BIBLE READING – Daniel 7:1-14

Pew Bible Old Testament p842

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HYMN

Make way, make way for Christ the King
in splendour arrives.

Fling wide the gates and welcome Him into your lives.

Make way, make way, for the King of kings.

Make way, make way, and let His kingdom in.

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free.

The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

Make way, make way....

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh;

with laughter, joy and royal crown He'll beautify.

Make way, make way...

We call you now to worship Him as Lord of all;

to have no gods before Him, their thrones must fall!

Make way, make way....

Graham Kendrick

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 26:36-42

Pew Bible New Testament p29

(before the reading)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

(after the reading)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON *Rev Andrew Cinnamond*

CREED *(Service book page 4)*

CHOIR PRESENTATIONS



NOTICES

PRAYERS *(Service book page 5)*

PEACE *(Service book page 5)*

HYMN

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day.'

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

That when next He comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with His mercy He may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

Tr Edward Caswall

COMMUNION (Service book page 5 on)

HYMNS during communion

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever;
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thy all sufficient merit,
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley

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Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and rise again,
His selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us grace, Companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Fred Kaan

(Service book page 8)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God make us watchful and keep us
faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear, he may not find us
sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in
his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HYMN (during which a collection will be taken)

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold Him,
pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of His passion
still His dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to His ransomed worshippers;
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore Thee,
high on Thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for Thine own;
Oh come quickly! Oh come quickly! Oh come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

C.Wesley/John Cennick

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

(Service book page 9)

*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