



St Lawrence Church
LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

Sunday 4th January 2026
Epiphany

FAMILY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME *Revd Andrew Cinnamond*

HYMN

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
Thee whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at Thy cradle, crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

William Chatterton Dix

(Service book pages 4-5)

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your
only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant
that we, who know you now by faith, may at last
behold your glory 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**

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 52: 7-12

Pew Bibles, New Testament page 693

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

Luke 10: 1-24

Pew Bibles, New Testament page 68

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

HYMN

From heaven You came, helpless babe,
entered our world, Your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears
my heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' He said.

This is our God, the Servant King....

Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God, the Servant King....

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone Him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God, the Servant King....

Graham Kendrick

SERMON – *Rev Andrew Cinnamond*

(Service book page 6-7)

HYMN

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like You;
all of my days I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing:
power and majesty, praise to the King;
mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
for ever I'll love You, for ever I'll stand;
nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Darlene Zschech

HOLY COMMUNION

(Service book pages 8-9)

instead of an anthem, please join together:

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us, and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life
and we drink of His sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ
torn for you, eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life
and we drink of His sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life
and we drink of His sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering
we proclaim, Christ will come again,
and we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.

Keith & Krystin Getty/Stuart Townend

HYMNS during communion

You laid aside Your majesty,
gave up everything for me,
suffered at the hands of those You had created.
You took all my guilt and shame,
when You died and rose again;
now today You reign, in heaven and earth exalted.

I really want to worship You, my Lord,
You have won my heart and I am Yours
for ever and ever I will love You.
You are the only one who died for me,
gave Your life to set me free,
so I lift my voice to You in adoration.

Noel Richards

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Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives;
be our sweet agreement at the meeting of our eyes.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering out of each and every land;
Christ the love between us at the joining of our hands.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus, stand among us at the breaking of the bread;
join us as one body as we worship You, our Head.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Graham Kendrick

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations
seek: may we who with the wise men have been
drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence
in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

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

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of His word –
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same –
His holy name: the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith

(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