



St Lawrence Church
LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

Sunday 13th September 2020
14th Sunday after Trinity

ALL AGE SERVICE

WELCOME

At Creation God said, 'Let there be light'
And there was light.

God separated the light from the darkness
And it was good.

Jesus said, 'I am the Light of the World'
Whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness.
Cf. Gen 1: 3-4; John 8: 12

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us a new and living way into
your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you
in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

Jesus, the Light of the World,
you shine in the hearts of us all.
Lord God, our King, your praise we sing
help us to grow strong and tall.



SONG (*Music group to sing, others to hum!*)

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you.
Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days
So highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor.
Here I am to worship...

Tim Hughes

CONFESSION

When Jesus returns, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will reveal the secrets of every heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us say sorry to God.

God of love and mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and remember 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.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT (14th Sunday after Trinity)

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and took upon Himself our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BIBLE READING – John 8:12-20

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
¹³ The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."
¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one.
¹⁶ But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.
¹⁷ In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. ¹⁸ I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."
¹⁹ Then they asked him, "Where is your father?" "You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

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

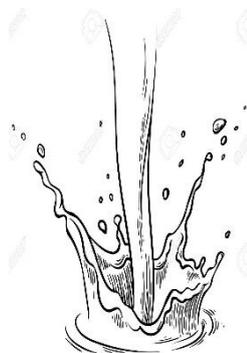
TALK

SONG (*Music group to sing, others to hum!*)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water: thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.



Horatius Bonar

PRAYERS

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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

SONG (*Music group to sing, others to hum!*)

Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy,
I should come to him.
*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus.
Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said if I am weak,
I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength,
I should come to him.
For the Lord is good and faithful...

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield,
I should come to him.
For the Lord is good and faithful...

Jesus said if I am lost
He will come to me.
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me.
For the Lord is good and faithful...

Colin Buchanan

BLESSING

We are children of the light, children of the day
We do not belong to the night or the darkness.

Let us always walk in the Light of Christ.
In the strength of God, we will.

Cf. 1 Thess 5: 5

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of
life: fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory may shine in all
the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.