



St Lawrence Church
LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

Sunday 10th January 2020
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

TOGETHER @ 10 ALL AGE SERVICE
The Conversion of Lydia

WELCOME

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.
Let us rejoice and shout for joy,
giving God the glory.

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

Let us pray.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
people, and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE SONG

(Music group to sing, others to hum!)

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!)*

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true:
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with the Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel

CONFESSION

I set no store by life: I only want to finish the race and
complete the task which the Lord Jesus assigned to
me, of bearing witness to the gospel of God's grace.

Acts 20.24

Conscious of our failure to proclaim the gospel,
let us call to mind our sins:

Father, we have sinned against heaven and
against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself as those who once were
dead but now have life through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a
kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our
sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to
do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT (for Mission and Evangelism)

Almighty God, who called your Church to witness that
you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

BIBLE READING – Acts 16: 6-15

⁶ They went through the region of Phrygia and
Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to
speak the word in Asia. ⁷ When they had come
opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia,
but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸ so,
passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ During
the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of
Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over
to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the
vision, we immediately tried to cross over to
Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us
to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to
Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and
from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the
district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We
remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath
day we went outside the gate by the river, where we
supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat
down and spoke to the women who had gathered
there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper
of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of
Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord
opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said
by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were
baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged
me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my
home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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



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

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

NOTICES and Update on World Mission
(*praying for the persecuted church*)

PRAYERS (*including the Lord's Prayer*)

**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.**

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

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith

FINAL PRAYER

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse
you by his holiness and send you to proclaim his
word. **Amen.**

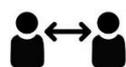
The Son, who has ascended to the heights, pour
upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, equip you and
strengthen you in your ministry. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

'Go and make disciples of all the nations,' says the
Lord;
'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



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