



St Lawrence Church

LECHLADE-ON-THAMES

Sunday 2nd May 2021
5th Sunday of Easter

FAMILY COMMUNION & COMMISSIONING

WELCOME

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.
Move among us
that we may behold your glory.
Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you. Amen.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your
holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG (*Designated singers to sing, others to hum!*)

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
come ye before Him and rejoice!

Know that the Lord is God indeed,
without our aid He did us make;
we are his flock, He doth us feed,
and for his sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless His name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

William Kethe

CONFESSION

Hear this, you foolish and senseless people, who
have eyes but do not see, who have ears but do not
hear. Should you not tremble in my presence?
They do not say to themselves, 'Let us fear the
Lord our God'.

These people have stubborn and rebellious hearts;
they have turned aside and gone away.
They do not say to themselves, 'Let us fear the
Lord our God'

cf. Jeremiah 5: 21-24

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, we confess that we have sinned in
thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us
to amend what we are, and direct what we shall
be; that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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 (*5th Sunday of Easter*)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires, so by your
continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

COMMISSIONING OF LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Revd Andrew Braddock – please see separate sheet

BIBLE READING – Jeremiah 5: 11-19

¹¹ For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have
been utterly faithless to me, says the Lord.
¹² They have spoken falsely of the Lord, and have said,
'He will do nothing. No evil will come upon us, and we
shall not see sword or famine.' ¹³ The prophets are
nothing but wind, for the word is not in them. Thus shall
it be done to them! ¹⁴ Therefore thus says the Lord, the
God of hosts: Because they have spoken this word, I am
now making my words in your mouth a fire, and this
people wood, and the fire shall devour them. ¹⁵ I am
going to bring upon you a nation from far away, O house
of Israel, says the Lord. It is an enduring nation, it is an
ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not
know, nor can you understand what they say.
¹⁶ Their quiver is like an open tomb; all of them are
mighty warriors. ¹⁷ They shall eat up your harvest and
your food; they shall eat up your sons and your
daughters; they shall eat up your flocks and your herds;
they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees; they shall
destroy with the sword your fortified cities in which you
trust. ¹⁸ But even in those days, says the Lord, I will not
make a full end of you. ¹⁹ And when your people say,
'Why has the Lord our God done all these things to us?'
you shall say to them, 'As you have forsaken me and
served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve
strangers in a land that is not yours.'

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

TALK – Revd Andrew Braddock

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to
the dead. On the third day he rose again; he
ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right
hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG (*Designated singers to sing, others to hum!*)

From the breaking of the dawn
to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on every promise of Your word.
Words of power, strong to save,
that will never pass away,
I will stand on every promise of Your word.
For Your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure,
I can stand on every promise of Your word.

When I stumble and I sin,
condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on every promise of Your word.
You are faithful to forgive,
that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on every promise of Your word.
Guilt to innocence restored:
You remember sins no more!
So I'll stand on every promise of Your word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice,
I will listen for Your voice,
and I'll stand on every promise of Your word.
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with your hand
as I stand on every promise of Your word.
And you've promised to complete
every work begun in me,
so I'll stand on every promise of Your word.

Hope that lifts me from despair,
love that casts out every fear,
as I stand on every promise of Your word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on every promise of Your word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe,
we will stand on every promise of Your word.

Stuart Townend

THE PEACE and HOLY COMMUNION

See 'Family Communion' service booklet pages 5-6

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.**

NOTICES

SONG (*Designated singers to sing, others to hum!*)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.

'Tis grace hath brought me safe this far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun:
we've no less days to sing God's praise,
than when we'd first begun

John Newton

BLESSING

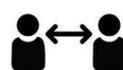
**Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in
taking the form of a servant, and in obedience
died on the cross for our salvation: give us the
courage to follow you and to proclaim you as
Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great
company of disciples, together following our Lord
Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving
him in his mission to the world, and together
witnessing to his love on every continent and island;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

***Our worship continues in the churchyard where we
will be singing hymns for a short time – please stay!***



Please maintain social distancing
and leave promptly after the service

There will be a retiring collection, please use this
code or the contactless payment unit if possible

Please leave service books in the pews and
take service sheets home

