



**Order of Service**  
**Sunday Morning, 21 April 2024 – Rev. Andy Longwe**

**Call to Worship**

**Song of Adoration: Psalm 46(a):1-5, 10-11** (Tune: Gainsborough, 56)

1 God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid;	5 God is within his holy place; the city will not yield, For God will come at break of day to be her help and shield.
2 And therefore, though the earth gives way, we will not be afraid.	
Though mountains fall into the sea, 3 though waters foam and roar, We will not fear, though mountains quake as waves engulf the shore.	10 Be still, and know that I am God, on earth exalted high; And all the nations of the world my name will glorify.
4 A river flows, whose streams delight the city of our God— The holy place, in which the LORD Most High has his abode.	11 <i>The LORD Almighty is with us to strengthen and sustain; For Jacob's God our strong defence and fortress will remain.</i>

**Prayer of Adoration with the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Bible reading**

*John 15:18 – 16:4 (p 902)*

**Song of Confession: Psalm 32:1-5** (Tune: Orlington, 203)

1 How blessed the one who has received forgiveness for his sin!	5 Then I laid bare my sin to you, the guilt that lay within. I said, "O LORD, I have transgressed"— And you forgave when I confessed; you pardoned all my sin.
2 Whose sins are covered from God's face, Whose debt is cancelled in God's grace; there's no deceit in him.	
3 When I kept silent, all my bones with groaning were worn out.	
4 Beneath your hand I felt entrapped Both day and night; my strength was sapped as in a summer drought.	

**Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1** (communal reading)

*Q1. What is your only comfort in life and death*

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

## Pastoral Prayer

### Song of Thanksgiving: Speak, O Lord

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see,  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

### Sermon: *Prepare for Persecution*

### Song of Response: The Church's One Foundation

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The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious,  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## Benediction

<p><b>Meet with us</b> Sunday 10:30am – Prayer meeting Sunday 11am – Morning worship Sunday 5:30pm – Evening worship</p> <p>Midweek – House groups &amp; prayer meeting (see weekly bulletin for details)</p>	<p><b>Connect with us</b> To receive a weekly bulletin &amp; zoom link to the midweek prayer meeting:</p> <p>Send a request to Laura (<a href="mailto:churchadmin@lcpc.org.uk">churchadmin@lcpc.org.uk</a>)</p>	
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