



# St Lawrence, Martyr

## 10 August 2024 – 11:30am

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*CWBII 422*

Sing we now the glorious martyrs, faithful, fallen, raised on high.  
Strong they stood, in ranks of courage, loath to live if truth must die.  
Grant to us, O God, their wisdom, that could dare to choose the cross,  
Christ their one and only treasure all else, even life, no loss.

Keep alight upon our hilltops, lamps like these, set high apart,  
flames of faith no night can vanquish, beacons for the faint of heart.

Let them burn with such an ardour that the very dark must quail.  
Faced with love so all-consuming, death itself cannot prevail.

### FIRST READING

*2 Corinthians 9:6-10*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 111*



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*John 8:12*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord:  
whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

*John 12:24-26*

*The Father will honour all who serve me.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON (said)

*cf. John 12:26*

Whoever serves me must follow me,  
And where I am there also will my servant be, says the Lord.

*Refrain: Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
it remains but a single grain with no life.*

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. R.

If any one serves me, then they must follow me;  
wherever I am, my servants will be. R.

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;  
those who remain in me bear much fruit. R.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Mother of mercy, day by day, My love of thee grows more and more,  
Thy gifts are strewn upon my way,  
Like sands upon the great sea-shore, Like sands upon the great sea-shore.

Thy love for me I know its worth, Oh, it is all in all to me;  
For what did Jesus love on earth  
One half so tenderly as thee, One half so tenderly as thee.

Give me the grace to love thee more, Jesus will give if thou wilt plead;  
And Mother, when life's cares are o'er,  
Oh, I shall love thee then indeed, Oh, I shall love thee then indeed.

**Prayer to St Lawrence - Deacon and Martyr**

O Generous patron of the Church's poor, St. Lawrence, pray to the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that all the poor of the Church in need in every corner of the world may feel the effect of the love of their brothers and sisters who seek to help them.

Deliver the Church from the greed and envy of the powerful and protect her rights and property so that she may serve the needy in freedom, giving them good things for soul and body.

May we come some day with all those whom we helped on earth to the bright mansions of heaven where we will enjoy the riches of God's house and the company of the Saviour who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.