



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 17th March 2024

MORNING WORSHIP Lent 5

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Heather McIntyre

Organist: Richard Brazier

If you are able, please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk ()*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP



* **Hymn 201:** O sing a song of Bethlehem

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses:

Minister: Together we gather,

All: Seeking God and meeting around his word.

Minister: We come with praise

All: And offer to God our prayers.

Minister: Jesus died for all;

so that we shall no longer live for ourselves,

All: but for him who died and was raised to life for us.

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Opening Prayers of Praise, Confession and Lord's Prayer

followed by **Welcome and Notices**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Hebrews 5.5-10 p. 196

John 12.20-33 p.91

This morning's reader is Janet Reid

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: God forgave my sin in Jesus' name

**1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his love as he told me to.**

Chorus:

**He said 'Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe
others will know that I live.**

**2. All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
in earth and heav'n in Jesus name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his pow'r as he told me to.
Chorus**

**3. God gives us life in Jesus' name
he lives in us in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his peace as he told me to.
Chorus**

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Sermon: When glorify meant crucify

followed by Silent Reflection. Sermon notes are available as you leave and on the church website

*** Hymn:** Come wounded healer *Tune: Slane R&S 531*

**I Come, wounded healer, your sufferings reveal,
the scars you accepted, our anguish to heal.
Your wounds bring such comfort in body and soul
to all who bear torment and yearn to be whole.**

**2 Come, hated lover, and gather us near,
your welcome, your teaching, your challenge to hear:
where scorn and abuse cause rejection and pain,
your loving acceptance makes hope live again!**

**3 Come, broken victor, condemned to a cross -
how great are the treasures we gain from your loss!
Your willing agreement to share in our strife
transforms our despair into fullness of life.**

Martin Leckebusch CCL257120

Prayers of Intercession

***Presentation of the Offering**

Each week we make our gifts in a variety of ways, by placing cash or envelopes in the baskets as we enter or exit church or through direct bank giving. All these offerings are dedicated now as we sing:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

*** Hymn: Christ is our light** *Tune: Highland Cathedral*

**1. Christ is our light! The bright and morning star
covering with radiance all from near and far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
into our hearts, into our world today.**

**2. Christ is our love! Baptised that we may know
the love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
and see in you the light of heaven's embrace.**

**3. Christ is our joy! Transforming wedding guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,
as your disciples did in Galilee.**

Leith Fisher CCL257120

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen** *All Standing*

