



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Trinity 13

MORNING WORSHIP

led by our Ministers

*Organist: Graham Nash*

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

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

**\*Hymn:** Bring to the Lord a glad new song *Tune: Jerusalem*  
*During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit*



**1 Bring to the Lord a glad new song,  
children of grace extol your king:  
your love and praise to God belong-  
to instruments of music, sing!  
Let those be warned who spurn God's name,  
let rulers all obey God's word:  
for justice shall bring tyrants shame-  
let every creature praise the Lord!**

**2 Sing praise within these hallowed walls,  
worship beneath the dome of heaven;  
by cymbals' sound and trumpets' calls  
let praises fit for God be given:  
with strings and brass and wind rejoice then,  
join our song in full accord  
all living things with breath and voice;  
let every creature praise the Lord!**

*Michael Perry based on Psalms 149 and 150 CCL257120*

### Opening Responses

Minister: This is the time to worship God:

**All: he brings us life.**

Minister: This is the time to sing his praise:

**All: he brings us joy.**

Minister: This is the time to pray to him:  
**All: he brings us forgiveness and renewal.**  
Minister: This is the time to hear his word:  
**All: he brings us guidance and hope.**  
Minister: This is the time to show your love for him:  
**All: he brings us love beyond our deserving.**

Minister: The Lord be with you  
**All: and also with you.**

## **Prayers of Praise and Confession, Lord's Prayer**

### **Welcome and Notices**

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **All Age Talk**

**\*Hymn:** Let us sing *(Tune R&S 523 Sing Hosanna)*

**1. Let us sing to the God of salvation,  
let us sing to the Lord our rock!  
Let us come to his house with thanksgiving,  
let us come before the Lord and sing!**

***Refrain***

***Praise our Maker,  
Praise our Saviour,  
Praise the Lord our everlasting King.  
Every throne must bow before him,  
God is Lord of everything!***

**2. In his hand are the earth's deepest places,  
and the strength of the hills is his!  
All the sea is the Lord's, for he made it,  
by his hands the dry land was formed.  
*Refrain***

**3. Let us worship the Lord our Maker,  
Let us worship the Lord our God;  
for we all are the sheep of his pasture,  
He will guide us by his powerful hand.  
*Refrain***

**4. Let today be the time when you hear Him!  
May our hearts not be hard or cold,  
lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion,  
as his people did in time of old.  
*Refrain***

*Richard Bewes from Psalm 95 Jubilate Hymns CCL 257120*

*We remain standing for a Prayer of Blessing for Junior Church and then children and young people  
leave for their time together. Babies and toddlers are welcome in The Crèche.*

**Readings:** Psalm 149 p 528 in OT  
Romans 13.8-14 p 142 in NT  
*this morning's reader is Michael Autton*

**Reader:** In this is the word of the Lord  
**All:** **Thanks be to God**

**\* Hymn 489:** Be thou my vision

**Sermon** *followed by silent reflection*

**\*Hymn:** Lord, we come to ask your healing *Tune: Ar Hyd y Nos*

**1. Lord, we come to ask your healing, teach us of love;  
all unspoken shame revealing, teach us of love.  
Take our selfish thoughts and actions, petty feuds,  
divisive factions,  
hear us now to you appealing, teach us of love.**

**2. Soothe away our pain and sorrow, hold us in love;  
grace we cannot buy or borrow, hold us in love.  
Though we see but dark and danger, though we spurn  
both friend and stranger, though we often dread tomorrow,  
hold us in love.**

**3. When the bread is raised and broken, fill us with love;  
words of consecration spoken, fill us with love.  
As our grateful prayers continue, make faith that we have  
in you  
more than just an empty token, fill us with love.**

**4. Help us live for one another, bind us in love;  
stranger, neighbour, father, mother - bind us in love.  
All are equal at your table, through your Spirit make us  
able  
to embrace as sister, brother, bind us in love.**

*Jean Holloway CCL257120*

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**The Offering** is received followed by the \* **Prayer of Dedication**

\***Hymn 663:** Love divine, all loves excelling

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

*Join us for coffee, tea or a cold drink in the Alfred Ellis Hall  
where the Fairtrade stall is open.*

*Go in peace*