



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 15th April 2018

Easter 3

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by our Ministers

Organist: Anna LeHair

All who love and follow our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine please let them pass by without embarrassment.

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

* **Hymn 239:** Jesus lives! *2nd Tune St Albinus*



Opening Responses

Leader : Come to worship God as you are

All: We are known, accepted and loved.

Leader : Bring what's in your heart

All: We bring our joys and dreams and hope.

Leader: And what else?

All: We bring our burdens and fears and doubts.

Leader : Come and be encouraged, for the God who calls you, calls you by name and rejoices over you.

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Opening Prayers of Praise and Confession

concluding with the Words of Assurance said together:

**God's word to us is a word of forgiveness,
a word of assurance, a word of grace.
We are loved and cherished because we are we
and God is God, and nothing can finally separate us
from our Creator's love.**

Lord's Prayer followed by Welcome and Notices

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

All Age Talk

After which we remain standing for a prayer of blessing for our children. Children then leave for their Junior Church groups. Babies and toddlers are welcome in The Crèche.

Hymn 512: Seek ye first

Readings: Psalm 4 OT p.454
Acts 3.12-19 NT p.103
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God
This morning's reader is Janet Reid

Sermon: 'Retelling Resurrection' *followed by silent reflection*

Hymn 248: This joyful Eastertide

The Offering *is received followed by* **Prayer of Intercession**

THE COMMUNION

***Hymn 373:** Lord Jesus Christ



***The Peace** *all standing*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Minister: We say for one another:

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore.**

***The Offertory Procession**

Minister: We give thanks to God and sing:

**All: 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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Invitation to Communion



The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Therefore with all your people
in heaven and on earth we sing
the resounding hymn of your glory:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Sung: 13 in
hymn book*

Words of Institution

Sharing of the bread and wine

The bread and wine are brought to the congregation. The wine is served first – please put your glass in the bookrack. Once all have been served we eat and drink together.

Post Communion Prayer

**All: We thank you God, that you
never leave us hungry or thirsty.
We commit ourselves to so living in love
that all are fed and know your
gracious providence. Amen**

***Hymn:** We shall go out with hope of resurrection *Tune: Londonderry Air*

**1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection.
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on.
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted
We'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed.
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.**

**2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken.
We'll find a word for those whose lips are sealed.
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief.
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
Including all within the circles of our love.**

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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.