



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 13th May 2018 Ascension Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

led by our Ministers

Organist: Graham Nash

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

* **Hymn 262:** Crown him with many crowns

During which the bible is taken to the pulpit

Opening Responses

Leader: Jesus calls us here to meet him

All: as, through word and song and prayer,

Leader: we affirm God's promised presence,

All: where his people live and care,

Leader: praise the God who keeps his promise,

All: praise the Son who calls us friends,

Leader: praise the Spirit who, among us,

All: to our hopes and fears attends.

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Opening Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer *back cover of hymn book*

Welcome and Notices

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

All Age Talk: Blowing Bubbles!

* **Hymn: Christ triumphant** *Tune: Guiting Power*

**1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.**

**2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
Yours the glory...**

**3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
Yours the glory...**

**4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory...**

**5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Yours the glory...**



Prayer of Blessing for Junior Church *remain standing*

*Children and young people leave for their Junior Church groups.
Babies and toddlers are welcome in The Crèche.*

Anthem: Lord of the Church

Reading: Psalm 47 O.T. p 476

Reader:

In this is the word of the Lord

All:

Thanks be to God

This morning's reader is Matthew Green

* **Hymn:** The word of God is like a lamp *Tune St Columba R&S 635*

**1. The word of God is like a lamp
which scatters light around,
revealing truth, rekindling youth,
defining holy ground.**

**2. The word of God is like a sword
which pierces to the core,
disabling lies, dispelling sighs,
to bless and never bore.**

**3. The word of God is like a chest
which brims with precious gold,
enriching all who heed God's call
with wisdom, new and old.**

**4. So, let us praise our gracious God
who gave the world this word;
and let our minds be sealed and signed
by Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

John Bell and Graham Maule CCL257120

Reading: Acts 1.1-11 N.T. p.101

Reader:

In this is the word of the Lord

All:

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Ascension – a poor cousin festival?

Sermon notes are available as you leave and on the church website

OUR RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

* **Hymn 237: God came in Jesus** *Tune: Buessan R&S 45*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Offering and * Prayer of dedication *remaining standing for*

Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus *Tune: Hyfrydol*

**1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful
Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by His blood.**

**2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions
how.
Though the cloud from sight
received Him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His
promise,
"I am with you evermore"?**

**3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our
stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our
plea
where the songs of all the
sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

W.C.Dix (1837-98)

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.