



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 7th October 2018 Trinity 19
MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Ian Green

Organist: Richard Brazier

*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 94:** Give to our God immortal praise

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses:

Minister: Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.

**All: Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but have the light of life'.**

Minister: Lord of all light,

**All: Shine your light into our lives today,
that we may walk in your light.**

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 Focus

**Song: Come on and celebrate His gift of love,
we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us and gave us life.**

**We'll shout your praise, O King,
you give us joy nothing else can bring,
we'll give to you our offering in celebration praise.**

**Come on and celebrate, celebrate,
celebrate and sing; celebrate and sing to the King.**

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

Readings: Psalm 8 OT p.456
Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12 NT p194 *this morning's reader is Jo Smith*
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: 'A Little Lower than the Angels'

sermon notes are available at the back of the church and on the website followed by Silent Reflection

The Offering is received

* **Hymn:** Jesus, in your life we see you *(Tune Blaenwern)*

**1. Jesus, in your life we see you
making God's compassion known,
'Surely you have borne our sorrows,
surely made our pain your own!'
see your touch bring hope and healing,
see your word set captives free,
see you suffer, mocked, rejected,
dying on the shameful tree.**

**2. Risen Lord, you reign in glory;
but your wounds and scars remain;
you can share the outcast's suffering,
sound the depth of human pain,**

know where greed exploits the helpless,
hear the addict's lonely cry,
grieve at so much waste and heartbreak,
feel for all the question 'why'?

3. Risen Lord, you bear their sorrow,
know how much they need your peace;
as you once healed broken bodies,
offered captive souls release,
take us, use us in your service;
we would follow where you lead;
only your divine compassion
meets the depth of human need.

Basil E. Bridge (b.1927)

Prayers of Intercession *led by Sara Autton*

THE COMMUNION

***Hymn 373:** Lord Jesus Christ

***The Peace** *all standing*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: 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 followed by 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:
*Sung: 13 in
hymn book*

**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.**

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

**O God, we give you grateful thanks
for all that lies within this sacred meal.
May we carry into the world
the bread that brings life
and the wine of compassion
for all who wait in longing.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**



***Hymn 261:** At the name of Jesus

***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.*