



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 10th March 2019

Lent 1

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:** 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: *from The Iona Community*

Minister: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Minister: To heal the sick, to mend the broken hearted,
to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Minister: To carry the cross, to lead the way,
to show love and forgiveness in the face of
accusation and injustice.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Minister: Today, to this place, to us,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

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 195: I danced in the morning**

*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: Deuteronomy 26.1-11 p 167 in OT
Luke 4.1-13 p51 in NT
this morning's reader is Bryan Long

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

* **Hymn:** Forty Days and Forty Nights *G.H.Smyttan Tune: Heinlein R&S 507*

**1 Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.**

**2 Burning heat throughout the day,
bitter cold when light had fled;
prowling beasts around your way,
stones your pillow, earth your bed.**

**3 Let us your endurance share
and from earthly greed abstain,
with you watching unto prayer
with you strong to suffer pain.**

**4 Then if evil on us press,
flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
help us not to swerve or fail!**



Sermon: Wandering in Wilderness *followed by silent reflection*

OUR RESPONSE

***Hymn** In Christ alone *Stuart Townend & Keith Getty CCL 257120*

**1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The love of God was glorified -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

remaining standing we sing* **Hymn 422: Lift high the cross

***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.

