



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 14th April 2019 Palm Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

led by our Ministers

Organist: Richard Brazier

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

***Hymn 209:** Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

During which the bible is taken to the pulpit



Opening Responses

Leader: Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna in the highest! God save the King!

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David,
great David's greater Son!

All: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.

Leader: Who is this Son of David,

All: whom David himself calls 'Lord'?

Leader: He is the King of glory, the Lord strong and mighty.

**All: Hosanna to the Son of David,
the Lord who is our shepherd.**

Leader: Behold your King, humble, and riding on a donkey.

All: Come, let us worship, and bow down,

Leader: for the Lord is King!

All: Jesus is King! Hosanna to his name!

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

and Lord's Prayer *back cover of hymn book*

Welcome and Notices

The Junior Church distribute Palm Crosses

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

All Age Talk

***Hymn: 141: Make way, make way**

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

Readings: Psalm 118.1-2, 19-end O.T. p.514
Luke 19.28-40 N.T.p.70
This morning's reader is David Keen

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

*** Hymn: At Last! The city comes in sight** *Tune: Wareham R&S 63*

**1. At last! The city comes in sight,
where human wrong must fight with right;
where God in Christ will challenge all
to stop, and turn and hear his call.**

**2. What angels sang near Bethlehem,
friends shout now to Jerusalem;
what lonely shepherds heard in fear
is now proclaimed for all to hear.**

**3. 'God bless the King who comes this way
as God's own presence here, today!
Let peace from heaven come and reign;
and God's true glory shine again!'**

**4. But will the city heed these cries?
Will people welcome or despise?
Will hearts be opened, lives made new,
or callous selfishness show through?**

**5. Must cities always crush the weak
refuse them any chance to speak?
Must human greed and human pride
ensure that Christ is crucified?**

**6. To us, today, Christ comes once more,
the God of challenge at our door;
now we must stop and turn and hear
receive new life while God is near!** *John Campbell CCL 257120*

Sermon: 'The Road not Taken'

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

OUR RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

***Hymn:** From opposite directions *Tune: 208: St Theodulph*

**1. From opposite directions
two great processions came;
one in the name of Power,
one in Salvation's name.
One from Oppression's palace
beneath an emp'ror's thumb.
The other from the people,
the village and the slum.**



**2. From opposite directions
rode Pontius Pilate in,
expediency's servant,
the willing slave of sin;
and Jesus Christ, a servant
to love which never dies,
to God, to us, to Meaning,
to dreadful sacrifice.**

**3. From opposite directions
they rode from east and west;
God on a borrowed donkey
and Rome its pure-bred best,
while two great crowds of people
applauded in one breath
the brutish might of bullies
or love which conquers death.**

**4. From opposite directions
we still are called today.
we choose to join with power -
or take the other Way;
while some wave palms and worship,
declare we're Jesus' friend,
yet disappear, like magic,
before the bitter end.** *Lucy Berry (born 1957) CCL 257120*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Offering is received followed by *** Prayer of Dedication**
then we remain standing for ***Hymn 207:** My song is love unknown

***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.*