

AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Audio Service

Holy Communion: 3rd May 2020



Welcome and Introduction

Gathering Prayer

Come among us, Jesus
You whom angels worship
And children welcome
Come Jesus, and meet us here.

Come among us, Jesus
You who hurled the stars into space
And shaped the spider's weaving
Come Jesus, and meet us here.

Come among us, Jesus
You who walked the long road to Jerusalem
And lit a flame that dances forever
Come Jesus, and meet us here

Invitation

If you truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and are resolved to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this sacrament to your comfort and growth in grace.

Come to this sacred table, not because you must but because you may; come not to testify that you are righteous, but that you sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, and desire to be his true disciples; come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak; not because you have any claim on heaven's rewards, but because in your frailty and sin you stand in constant need of heaven's mercy and help.

Hymn: Let all mortal flesh

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with breathless awe, come near;
contemplate the Lord of heaven,
Present with his people here.
In bread and wine, receive him:
Christ the Lord, whom we revere.

2. Glorious king of endless ages,
dwelling in God's holiness;
loving human nature dearly,
grieving for our wickedness:
formed within the womb of Mary,
born to bear our wretchedness.

3. Praised by all the hosts of heaven;
praised by all created things;
every righteous soul, each prophet,
martyr and apostle, sings
'Praise and glory in the highest,
glory to the King of kings!'

4. Six-winged seraphim extol him,
veil their faces, over-awed,
cherubim, all-seeing, praise him:
'Holy, holy, holy Lord!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, eternally adored!'

Liturgy of St James, c 4th cent

Sursum Corda Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Sanctus Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

**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.**

Accalmation **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Institution

On the night on which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus, after he had given thanks took the bread and broke it saying: This is my body which is given for you, do this as often as you eat it in remembrance of me. That same night after supper he took the cup saying: This cup is the cup of the new covenant. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Reception

The body of Christ was given for you...

The blood of Christ was shed for you...

We take a moment of quiet prayer as reflective music is played

Concluding Prayer

We have seen your glory here, O Lord,
may we see it in the world.

We have known your presence here, O Lord,
may we know it everywhere.

We have received your love here, O Lord,
may we give you ours.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional: Jesus lives: *played by Ian on the AFC organ last month*