



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 17th November 2024

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson and The Revd Ian Green

Organist: Richard Brazier

We have a Loop System – to access please set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

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 102:** Praise the Lord, his glories show

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: In your image we are made, Creator God;

**All: male and female, young and old
we are your creation.**

Minister: You lived our life, Jesus Christ;

**All: we find you there in truth and grace
within ourselves.**

Minister: You lead us on, Holy Spirit,

**All: in golden threads of life, in pain and joy.
Thanks be to God!**

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Prayers of Praise and Confession, Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Notices

Expressing our thanks to Amela

***Hymn:** The Lord's my shepherd

**1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me lie in pastures green,
he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.**

***And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.***

**2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil;
And my cup – it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.**

**3 And though I walk the darkest path –
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.**

Stuart Townend CCL 257120

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Psalm 16 O.T p. 459

Hebrews 10.19-25 NT p.199 *This morning's reader is Janet Reid*

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: I am well content

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

*** Hymn** Delight in God *Tune: Finlandia*

**Delight in God, first mover, maker, carer,
who fashioned light and life and ev'rything,
yet wandered deserts, rescued slaves and outcasts,
to build a people who might learn to sing,
delight in God with all your heart and spirit,
and mind and strength, yes, all your praises bring.**

**Delight in God, who came to live among us,
a peasant preacher sharing help and care,
who gave his all, through life and death to rescue,
to help us each our broken lives repair,
delight in God with all your heart and spirit,
and mind and strength, yes, offer praise and pray'r.**

**Delight in God, now with us and within us,
a healing presence in a world of pain,
a source of joy, a calm within the chaos,
a wisdom we, alone, could not obtain,
delight in God with all your heart and spirit,
and mind and strength, yes, praise and praise again!**

John Miller Campbell, 7/9/24, freely available for use

Prayers of Intercession *using the response*

Minister: Lord in your goodness

All: Hear our prayer

THE COMMUNION



***Hymn 456:** O bread to pilgrims given

***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: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Sung: 13 in heaven and earth are full of your glory.
hymn book 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

Post Communion Prayer

**O God, we give you grateful thanks
for all that lies within this sacred meal.
May our lives show the signs
that love is possible,
grace is believable
and compassion can be our way of life.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

***Hymn260:** Christ is alive

Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen *All Standing*

Join us for Morning Coffee, served in the Church Hall