



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson and The Revd Ian Green

*Organist: Richard Brazier*

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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.

Please stand, if you are able, for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (\*)

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

**\* Hymn 47: O worship the King**

*During which the bible is taken to the pulpit*

### Opening Responses

Minister: We gather to worship God,

**All: to present our prayers and praises.**

Minister: We gather to listen out for God,

**All: who speaks through bible and sermon,  
in silence and in fellowship.**

Minister: Let this mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus

**All: Who made himself of no reputation and  
took upon himself the form of a servant.**

Minister: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

**Lord's Prayer followed by Welcome and Notices**

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn: Spirit of God** *Tune: Skye Boat Song*

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,***

***gentle as is the dove:***

***teach us the truth and help us believe,***

***show us the Saviour's love!***

**You spoke to us – long, long ago -  
gave us your living Word;  
we hear you still, needing your truth,  
through you God’s voice is heard.**

**Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
we need your power, we need your strength,  
following Christ each day.**

*Margaret Old CCL257120*

**Readings:** Psalm 8 OT p.456  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-11 NT p.194  
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God** *This morning’s reader is Sara Autton*

## **Sermon**

*followed by silent reflection. Sermon notes are available in the pillar pockets at the Sanctuary entrance*

**\* Hymn:** We rejoice to be God’s chosen *Tune: Bethany R&S 605*

- 1. We rejoice to be God’s chosen  
not through virtue, work or skill,  
but because God’s love is generous,  
unconfirmed to human will.  
And because God’s love is restless  
like the surging of the sea,  
we are pulled by heaven’s dynamic  
to become, not just to be.**
- 2. We rejoice to be God’s chosen,  
to be gathered to God’s side  
not to build a pious ghetto  
or be steeped in selfish pride,  
but to celebrate the goodness  
of the one who sets us free  
from the smallness of our vision  
to become, not just to be.**

- 3. We rejoice to be God's chosen,  
to align with heaven's intent,  
to await where we are summoned  
and accept where we are sent.  
We rejoice to be God's chosen  
and, amidst all that we see,  
to anticipate with wonder  
that the best is yet to be.**

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**Prayers of Intercession** *using the prayer response*

Lord in your goodness

**Hear our prayer**

## 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 and 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,**

*Sung: 13 in*

*hymn book*

**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 and 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 we carry into the world**

**the bread that brings life**

**and the wine of compassion.**

**This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

**\* Hymn 509: O Jesus I have promised**

**\* Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

*Sunday Lunch will be served in the Church Hall after the service*