



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 20th October 2024

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Heather McIntyre

Organist: Richard Brazier

*We have a Loop System – to access please set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.
If you are able, please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (*)*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

* **Hymn 114:** Let all the world in every corner sing

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses *From Psalm 100*

Minister: The psalmist calls us to worship with these words:

All: Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth.

Minister: Serve the Lord with gladness,

All: come before him with joyful songs.

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Opening Prayers of Praise, Confession and Lord's Prayer

followed by **Welcome and Notices**

Mission Focus: Mission Employable

***Hymn 92:** Amazing grace

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Isaiah 53.4-6 OT p.614

Mark 10.35-45 N.T. 39

This morning's reader is Jo Smith

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Wanting to be important *followed by Silent Reflection.*

* **Hymn:** Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity

**1. Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
In perfect harmony - the man who is God;
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility, and washes our feet.**

*Refrain: Oh, what a mystery -
Meekness and majesty;
Bow down and worship,
For this is your God,
This is your God!*

**2. Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross;
Suffering to give us life,
Conquering through sacrifice -
And as they crucify, prays, 'Father, forgive.'** *Refrain*

**3. Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
Love indestructible in frailty appears;
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity
To the heights of his throne. *Refrain***

Graham Kendrick 1986 Thankyou Music CCL 257120

Prayers of Intercession

* **Hymn 444:** Father, we thank you Tune *R&S 302*

THE COMMUNION

*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,
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 and Sharing of the bread and wine

Post Communion Prayer

**All Self-giving God,
With thanksgiving we have remembered**

**and celebrated your love in Jesus.
May your cross and resurrection
constantly speak into our lives and sustain our living.
So, sent out in the strength of the Spirit
may your generosity and kindness
become the reality of our lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*** Hymn:** Jesus, in your life we see YOU *Tune R & S 95 Blauenwern*

**1. Jesus, in your life we see you
making God's compassion known,
'Surely you have borne our sorrows,
surely made our pain your own!'
see your touch bring hope and healing,
see your word set captives free,
see you suffer, mocked, rejected,
dying on the shameful tree.**

**2. Risen Lord, you reign in glory;
but your wounds and scars remain;
you can share the outcast's suffering,
sound the depth of human pain,
know where greed exploits the helpless,
hear the addict's lonely cry,
grieve at so much waste and heartbreak,
feel for all the question 'why'?**

**3. Risen Lord, you bear their sorrow,
know how much they need your peace;
as you once healed broken bodies,
offered captive souls release,
take us, use us in your service;
we would follow where you lead;
only your divine compassion
meets the depth of human need.**

Basil E. Bridge (b.1927)

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen** *All Standing*

Morning Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the service.