



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Erna Stevenson

Organist: Edward Cross

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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 (\*)

*Prelude: Praludium - Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656-1746)*

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

**\*Hymn:** Sing for God's glory *Tune: Lobe Den Herren 74 R&S*

*During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit*

**1 Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,  
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;  
sun of delight, succeeds the velvet of night,  
warming the earth's exultation.**

**2 Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,  
searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,  
touching our shame, with love that will not lay blame,  
reaching out gently to find us.**

**3 Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,  
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;  
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,  
offering freedom's transfusion.**

**4 Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,  
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;  
in them we see the new creation to be,  
spirit of love made flesh for us.**

*Kathy Galloway (b. 1952) CCL257120*

## 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, sermon and sacrament,  
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.**

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

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Hymn45:** Morning has broken

**Readings:** Psalm 37.1-9 OT p.470  
Luke 17.5-10 NT p.68  
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God** *This morning's reader is Isabel Lang*

**Sermon:** Living Faith

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

**\*Hymn:** Called by the love of Christ *Tune: Coe Fen R&S 661 CCL 257120*

**I Called by the love of Christ to be  
life's flavour hid from sight;  
yet challenged by the self-same love  
to shine like beacons bright,  
Lord, when our neighbours' lives are grim,  
decaying dark as night,  
empow'r us in the name of love,  
to live as salt and light!**

**2 Called by the love of Christ to bear  
his kingdom-bringing fruit;  
yet only when we're grafted firm  
to his life-giving root,  
Lord, when exhausted, each becomes  
a withered, dying shoot,  
re-graft, restore us by your love  
to grow and bear your fruit**

**3 Called by the love of Christ to hold  
God's treasure, rich and rare;  
yet in ourselves but rough clay pots,  
just common kitchenware.  
Lord, show your love by using us  
as vessel of your care,  
that cracked and chipped and used and worn  
we'll prove that you are there!**

**4 Called by the love of Christ to be  
one body with one will;  
yet each of worth, ourselves, distinct,  
unique in gift and skill.  
Lord, may our differences supply  
the vigour of the whole;  
in diverse ways all work one work  
together reach your goal.**

*John Campbell © Kevin Mayhew Ltd CCL257120*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

# **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,  
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.**

*Sung: 13 in  
hymn book*

## **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 260:** Christ is alive

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

*Postlude: Fanfare - John Marsh (1752-1828)*

*Morning Tea and Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the service*