



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 13th April 2025 Palm Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson and The Revd Ian Green

Organist: Richard Brazier

If you are able, please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk ()*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP



***Hymn 209: Ride on! Ride on in majesty!**

During which the bible is taken to the pulpit

Opening Responses

Leader: Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna in the highest! God save the King!

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David,
great David's greater Son!

All: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.

Leader: Who is this Son of David,

All: whom David himself calls 'Lord'?

Leader: He is the King of glory, the Lord strong and mighty.

**All: Hosanna to the Son of David,
the Lord who is our shepherd.**

Leader: Behold your King, humble, and riding on a donkey.

All: Come, let us worship, and bow down,

Leader: for the Lord is King!

All: Jesus is King! Hosanna to his name!

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession
and Lord's Prayer** *back cover of hymn book*

Welcome and Notices

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn: 141:** Make way, make way

Readings: Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29 O.T. p.514

Luke 19.28-40 N.T.p.70

This morning's reader is Helen Law

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

*** Hymn:** At Last! The city comes in sight *Tune: Wareham R&S 63*

**1. At last! The city comes in sight,
where human wrong must fight with right;
where God in Christ will challenge all
to stop, and turn and hear his call.**



**2. What angels sang near Bethlehem,
friends shout now to Jerusalem;
what lonely shepherds heard in fear
is now proclaimed for all to hear.**

**3. 'God bless the King who comes this way
as God's own presence here, today!
Let peace from heaven come and reign;
and God's true glory shine again!'**

**4. But will the city heed these cries?
Will people welcome or despise?
Will hearts be opened, lives made new,
or callous selfishness show through?**

**5. Must cities always crush the weak
refuse them any chance to speak?
Must human greed and human pride
ensure that Christ is crucified?**

**6. To us, today, Christ comes once more,
the God of challenge at our door;
now we must stop and turn and hear
receive new life while God is near!** *John Campbell CCL 257120*

Sermon: Another look at the King
Sermon notes are available as you leave and on the church website

OUR RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

***Hymn:** Lord, What a Parade! *Tune: Hanover R&S 47*

**1. Lord, what a parade! The crowd quickly grew;
What noise they all made in welcoming you.
"Hosanna!" they shouted. "It's David's own son!
Hosanna! Come save us! God's reign has begun!"**

**2. They welcomed you in, a conquering king,
Yet what kind of reign would you really bring?
It wasn't a war horse you rode on that day;
A creature of peace carried you on your way.**

**3. Did those in that crowd expect something more
Than one who reached out in love to the poor?
Did they think a saviour with armies was best,
Or did they remember: the peaceful are blessed?**

**4. Lord Jesus, it's true — we give you glad praise,
Yet living for you will challenge our ways.
So may we be open and welcome your reign.
Hosanna! Come save us! Renew us again!**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Using the Taize Prayer Response 398: O Lord hear my prayer

***Presentation of the Offering**

Each week we make our gifts in a variety of ways, by placing cash or envelopes in the baskets as we enter or exit church or through direct bank giving. All these offerings are dedicated now as we sing:

**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.**

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

***Hymn:** Jesus, weeping for the city *Tune: Abbots Leigh R&S 530*

**Jesus, weeping for the city,
for its failures, proud and vain,
for it shedding tears of pity,
this despite your private pain;
dying, outlawed by this city,
arms outstretched in pray'r and care,
by Your dying and Your rising,
bring new life for all to share.**

**Jesus, weeping for our city,
for injustice, hurt and pain,
seeing past its glitz and glamour,
to the sufferings that remain,
make us agents of Your healing,
helping justice spread around,
sharing peace, unleashing kindness,
'til new hope and joy abound.**

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

Morning Tea and Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the service