



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 11th May 2025

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Erna Stevenson

Organist: Edward Cross

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

* **Hymn:** O God beyond all praising *Tune: Thaxted*

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

**1. O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end;
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.**

**2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise!**

Opening Responses

Minister: We have come together to worship God.
All: We gather in his name to sing his praise.
Minister: Jesus said: My sheep listen to my voice
All: I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.
Minister: The Lord is our Helper.
All: And we gather to listen out for his voice.
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: Christian Aid



***Hymn:** Be still for the presence of the Lord

**I. Be still for the presence of the Lord
the Holy One is here.
Come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found
we stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord
the Holy One is here.**

**2. Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire
with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight
our radiant King of Light.
Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**3. Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal
to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him
in faith receive from Him.
Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.** *David Evans Hymns CCL 257/20*

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Introduction to the Theme

Readings: Revelation 7.9-17 N.T.p.223
John 10.22-30 N.T.p.77
This morning's reader is Carolyn Croisdale-Appleby
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn 277: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Prayer before the Sermon

Minister: Gracious God
All: **May your Living Word
come to us afresh this morning**

Minister: So, touch, we pray our minds and hearts
with your grace and truth
**All: Through Christ our Lord
and in the power of your Spirit. Amen**

Sermon: It was winter

followed by Silent Reflection. Sermon notes are available as you leave and on the church website

*** Hymn 552:** The King of Love my Shepherd is

Prayers of Intercession

***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 33: Eternal God *Tune: R&S 603: Lord of the years*

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

Join us for Morning Tea and Coffee in the Church Hall

