



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

## MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Heather McIntyre

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: Voluntary II in F : William Russell (1777-1813)*

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

**\* Hymn 38: Thou whose almighty word**

*During which the bible is taken to the pulpit*

### Opening Responses

Minister: We gather as the people of God  
in the presence of our loving Creator

**All: We gather as fellow pilgrims  
in the presence of the Living Christ**

Minister: This is the day the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Minister: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

### Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

### Welcome and Notices

**Mission Focus: Mission Aviation Fellowship**



**Hymn: Longing for light**

**I. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

**Refrain**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.**

**Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.**

**3. Longing for food, many are hungry.**

**Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.**

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.**

**Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.**

**5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.**

Bernadette Farrell CCL257120

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

**Readings:**      Psalm 24 O.T. p.464  
                          Luke 2.22-40 N.T. 49

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All:      **Thanks be to God** *This morning's reader is Susie Hart*

**Sermon: The Circle of Light**

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

\* **Hymn:** Lord, now let your servant Tune R&S 451 Caswall

**Lord, now let your servant  
go his way in peace.  
Your great love has brought us  
joy that will not cease.**

**For my eyes have seen him  
promised from of old.  
Saviour of all people,  
shepherd of one fold.**

**Light of revelation  
to all people shown.  
Light of Israel's glory  
to the world made known.**

*James Seddon*

## Prayers of Intercession

### THE COMMUNION

\***Hymn 454:** Let all mortal flesh keep silence



\***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

**All:** **O God who gives all that is good,**  
**You have blessed the food and drink**  
**we have received at your table.**  
**As we now depart, may your grace**  
**and laughter shine upon us,**  
**your kindness be on our tongues,**  
**your peace rest within us**  
**and your love reign in our hearts. Amen**

\* **Hymn 663: Love divine** *Tune R&S 95 Blaenwern*

### \* Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen

After the service please feel free to either leave during the Postlude or sit and listen to it all the way through.

*Morning Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the service*

*Postlude: Fughetta in C minor : Johann Krieger (1651-1735)*