



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by the Revd Heather McIntyre 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.  
Please stand, if you are able, for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (\*)

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

### \* Hymn 740: Tell out my soul

*During which the bible is taken to the pulpit*

### Opening Responses

Minister: We come in this service to God

**All: Bringing our stories, our lives, and ourselves.**

Minister: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus

**All: And who travels with us through our daily lives.**

Minister: We come with our faith and our doubts,

**All: We come with our hopes and our fears.**

Minister: We come as we are because God invites us to come.

**All: And God will never turn us away.**

Minister: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

**Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** *back cover of the hymn book*

### Welcome and Notices

\* **Hymn: Let love be real** *Tune R&S 265 Londonderry Air*

Let love be real, in giving and receiving,  
Without the need to manage and to own;  
A haven free from posing and pretending,  
Where every weakness may be safely known.  
Give me your hand, along the desert pathway,

Give me your love wherever we may go.  
As God loves us, so let us love each other;  
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.

Let love be real, not grasping or confining,  
That strange embrace that holds yet sets us free;  
That helps us face the risk of truly living,  
And makes us brave to be what we might be.  
Give me your strength when all my words are weakness;  
Give me your love in spite of all you know.  
As God loves us, so let us love each other;  
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.

Let love be real, with no manipulation,  
No secret wish to harness or control;  
Let us accept each other's incompleteness,  
And share the joy of learning to be whole.  
Give me your hope through dreams and disappointments  
Give me your trust when all my failings show.  
As God loves us, so let us love each other;  
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.

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## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

**Readings:** Psalm 1 O.T. p. 454  
Luke 6:17-26 N.T. p. 54

**Reader:** In this is the word of the Lord  
**All:** Thanks be to God

*This morning's reader is Liz Waumsley*

**Sermon: Level Ground**

*followed by silent reflection.*

**\* Hymn 474: Brother, sister, let me serve you**

**Prayers of Intercession** *led by Christine Standring*

**THE COMMUNION**

**\* Hymn 629: Make me a channel of your peace**

**\*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,**  
**Sung: 13 in God of power and might,**  
**hymn book 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.**

## **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 620: For the healing of the nations**

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

*Morning Coffee is served in the church hall after the service*