



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 21st April 2024

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Heather McIntyre and The Revd Ian Green

Organist: Edward Cross

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 (*)

Prelude: Introit: Richard Lloyd (b. 1933)

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

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

During which the bible is taken to 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 come together to worship God.
All: To offer our prayers and praises.
Minister: We gather seeking truth
All: and longing for light.
Minister: Jesus says:
All: I am the Good Shepherd.
Minister: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you

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

* **Hymn 45:** Morning has broken

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: I John 3.16-18 NT p.214
John 10.11-18 NT p.88
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God *This morning's reader is Leslie Chrol-Frolowicz*

Sermon: Love is...

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

* **Hymn 679:** The Lord's my shepherd *followed by*
Prayers of Intercession

THE COMMUNION

* **Hymn:** At this table we remember *Tune R&S All for Jesus 224*

**At this table we remember
how and where our faith began:
in the pain of crucifixion
suffered by the Son of Man.**

**Looking up in adoration
faith is conscious – he is here!**



**Christ is present with his people,
his the call that draws us near.**

**Heart and mind we each examine:
if with honesty we face
all our doubt, our fear and failure,
then we can receive his grace.**

**Peace we share with one another:
as from face to face we turn
in our brothers and our sisters
Jesus' body we discern.**

**Bread and wine are set before us;
as we eat, we look ahead:
we shall dine with Christ in heaven
where the Kingdom feast is spread.**

**Nourished by the bread of heaven,
faith and strength and courage grow -
so to witness, serve and suffer,
out into the world we go.**

Martin. E. Leckebusch CCL257120

***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

Your death O Lord we commemorate

Your resurrection we confess

Your final coming we await.

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come again. Hallelujah! Amen



* **Hymn 239:** Jesus live!

* **Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

*Postlude: Palace Beautiful: Richard Shephard (b. 1949)
Church Lunch is served in the church hall after the service*