



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 22nd March 2026 Lent 5

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Heather McIntyre

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:** Fill your hearts with joy and gladness *Tune Regents Square R&S 319*
During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
Might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
Knows and names them as they shine**

**Praise the Lord, his people, praise Him!
Wounded souls His comfort know.
Those who fear Him find His mercies,
Peace for pain and joy for woe;
Humble hearts are high exalted,
Human pride and power laid low.**

**Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
Spring to melt the snows of winter
Till the waters flow again;
Grass upon the mountain pastures,
Golden valleys thick with grain.**

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days!
Love his laws, declare His judgements,
Walk in all His words and ways;
He the Lord and we His children,
Praise the Lord, all people, praise!**

Timothy Dudley Smith CCL257120

Opening Responses

Minister: As our Lenten journey continues

All: We come together to worship our Crucified God.

Minister: We come together to listen out for God's word.

**All: We gather seeking strength
and guidance for a new week.**

Minister: For God so loved the world,

All: that he gave his beloved Son.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Opening Prayers of Praise & Confession

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

Welcome and Notices

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn:** God forgave my sin

I. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.

I've been born again in Jesus' name

And in Jesus' name I come to you

To share his love as he told me to.

Chorus:

**He said 'Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.**

**Go in my name, and because you believe
others will know that I live.**

**2. All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
in earth and heav'n in Jesus name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his pow'r as he told me to.
Chorus**

**3. God gives us life in Jesus' name
he lives in us in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his peace as he told me to.
Chorus**

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Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-6 O.T. p 723

John 11.32-44 N.T.90

Today's reader is John Munro

Reader:

In this is the word of the Lord

All:

Thanks be to God

Hymn: Come wounded healer *Tune: Slane R&S 531*

**I Come, wounded healer, your suff'rings reveal,
the scars you accepted, our anguish to heal.**

**Your wounds bring such comfort in body and soul
to all who bear torment and yearn to be whole.**

**2 Come, hated lover, and gather us near,
your welcome, your teaching, your challenge to hear:
where scorn and abuse cause rejection and pain,
your loving acceptance makes hope live again!**

**3 Come, broken victor, condemned to a cross -
how great are the treasures we gain from your loss!
Your willing agreement to share in our strife
transforms our despair into fullness of life.** *Martin Leckebusch CCL257120*

Sermon: A Fellowship of Tears

OUR RESPONSE

Silent reflection

***Hymn 511:** O love that wilt not let me go

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 422:** Lift high the cross

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**



Tea and Coffee are served after the service in the Church Hall