



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

## UNITED WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

*Organist: Hilary Davan Wetton*

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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.*

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

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP



### \*Hymn 104: Praise my soul

*During which the bible is placed in the pulpit*

### Opening Responses

Minister: Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.

**All: Whoever follows me  
will never walk in darkness  
but have the light of life'.**

Minister: Lord of all light,

**All: Shine your light into our lives today,  
that we may walk in your light.**

Minister: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

**Prayers of Praise and Confession,** *followed by the Lord's Prayer*  
**Welcome and Notices**

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

### \* Hymn 523: Give me joy in my heart

**Readings:** Jonah 3.1-5, 10 O.T. p.771

Mark 1.14-20 N.T. p.29

*read by Roger Leslie, Churchwarden, St Michaels*

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon followed** *by silent reflection:*

*This morning's preacher is Katherine Hyde, Licenced Lay Minister: St Michael's*

**\*Hymn 558:** Will you come and follow me

**Prayers of Intercession** *led by The Revd Heather McIntyre*

## THE COMMUNION

**\*Hymn:** A body made of many parts *Tune R&S 552: Dominus Regit Me*

1. A body made of many parts,  
diverse, yet all together,  
where each is valued, each required,  
and all are one forever.

2. Christ's Church is called, by grace, to live  
united as one being,  
where each must play their special part,  
like walking, breathing, seeing.

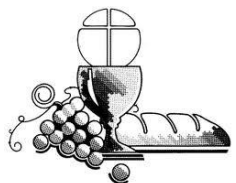
3. However slight I judge my worth  
compared with those around me,  
I cannot say, 'I don't belong!'  
for Christ himself has found me.

4. Nor can I sneer and set at nought  
the value of another;  
we all are needed as we are  
distinct, yet sister, brother.

5. So let us grow in shared respect,  
develop mutual caring,  
with love the gift that's prized the most  
'til each and all are sharing.

6. A body made of many parts,  
diverse, yet all together,  
where each is valued, each required,  
and all are one forever.

*John Campbell CCL257120*



**\*The Peace** *all standing*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**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: 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 567:** Thy hand, O God has guided

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

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

