



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 8th March 2026 Lent 3

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 104:** Praise my soul the King of heaven

During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: We come together to worship God.

All: We gather to offer our praise and thanksgiving.

Minister: We come together to listen out for his word.

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

Minister: Jesus said, If anyone wishes to be a follower of mine,

**All: they must leave self behind,
take up their cross and follow me.**

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

Mission Focus: Winston's Wish

***Hymn 195:** I danced in the morning

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Theme Introduction

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7 O.T. p 58

John 4.5-15 N.T.81

Today's reader is Jo Smith

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn 92: Amazing grace

Sermon: The Water of Life

OUR RESPONSE

Silent reflection

Hymn: In Christ alone *Stuart Townend & Keith Getty CCL 257120*

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The love of God was glorified -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.** *Stuart Townend & Keith Getty CCL 257120*

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 522:** From heaven you came

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



Sunday Lunch is served after the service in the Church Hall

Holy Week and Easter Service 2026

Palm Sunday 29th March 2026
Morning Worship 10.30am

Maundy Thursday 2nd April 2026
Holy Communion 7.30pm

Good Friday 3rd April 2026
Reflective Service

Easter Day 5th April 2026
Holy Communion

