



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 18th May 2025

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Heather McIntyre

Organist: Hilary Davan Wetton

Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you 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 102:** Praise the Lord, his glories show

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
in sermon and sacrament

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

Minister: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment:

All: Love one another, as I have loved you.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Opening Prayers of Praise, Confession and Lord's Prayer

followed by **Welcome and Notices**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Introduction to the Theme:

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

Readings: I Corinthians 13 NT p.153

John 13.31-35 N.T. p.93

This morning's reader is Mary Simmons

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Prayer before the sermon

Minister: Let the words of my mouth

All: And the meditations of all our hearts

Minister: Be acceptable in your sight

All: O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen

Sermon: The Quest for Love

followed by Silent Reflection. Sermon notes are available as you leave and on the church website

***Hymn 237:** God came in Jesus *Tune R & S 45: Buinessan*

Prayers of Intercession *using the response*

Leader: God of all love

All: Help us to love one another

***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 COMMUNION

***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**

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,**

Sung: 13 in heaven and earth are full of your glory.

hymn book 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 100: O love of God** *Tune R&S 76 Church Triumphant*

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

*Morning Coffee and Tea will be served in the Church Hall after the service,
followed by The May Church Meeting— all welcome*