



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Thursday 28th March 2024

MAUNDY THURSDAY

HOLY COMMUNION

led by The Revd Ian Green and Liz Waumsley

Organist: Janet Reid

*Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are invited to receive communion.
If you are able, please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (*)*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

Welcome and Opening Responses

Leader: The darkness deepens, and the Lord grows troubled.

Can we watch with Him?

Can we be the friends at His table
who share His bread and wine?

Can we be the companions
who journey with Him to the end?

**All: Come, let us worship, let us watch,
and let us give thanks for such great love.**

Leader: The Lord be with you

All : And also with you

*** Hymn:** Passover God, we remember your faithfulness *Tune: Was Lebet R&S 187*

**1. Passover God, we remember your faithfulness,
God of the exodus, friend of the poor;
People bowed down with the burden of powerlessness,
Sin in its ruthlessness making them slaves.**

**2. Still people shrivel, imprisoned in bitterness,
Hemmed in by fear and diminished by hate;
Tormented prisoners and perishing hungry ones,
Broken humanity calls for your aid.**

**3. You summoned Moses to work for the freedom march,
You called the slaves to be people of hope;
Set free from Egypt, you led them through desert lands,
Loving commands gave them justice and truth.**

**4. You gave the travellers bread in the wilderness;
Strengthen us now with the bread that we share;
Bread for the struggle and wine for rejoicing;
In Christ you free us and teach us to care.**

**5. We are your people, still called to a promised land,
Called for a purpose with Christ as the way;
Grant us commitment to wholeness and liberty,
Strength for the journey and grace for each day.** *Christopher Ellis CCL257120*

Opening Prayers of Praise, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Written by The Revd Erna Stevenson, spoken by Mary Simmons

Using the Taizé Prayer Response:

***Stay with me.
Remain here with me.
Watch and pray.
Watch and pray.***

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14 p. 53

John 13.1-17 p.92 *This evening's reader is Gillian Munro*

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection followed by Prayers of Intercession

THE COMMUNION

*** Hymn 215:** Ah, Holy Jesus



***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.

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

Generous and Gracious God,
You have met us here in bread and wine,
Send us out with your love in our hearts,
And with your light to guide us upon our paths.
And so may we live the words we have sung,
To your praise and glory. Amen

THE LEAVING

As music is played, we leave in silence, gathering outside the front door, under the cross and sing a closing hymn...

***Hymn:** When I survey *unaccompanied*

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

***Dismissal and Blessing**

