



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 19th November 2023

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by our ministers

Organist: Richard Brazier

We have a Loop System – to access please set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

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 102:** Praise the Lord, his glories show

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: In your image we are made, Creator God;

**All: male and female, young and old
we are your creation.**

Minister: You lived our life, Jesus Christ;

**All: we find you there in truth and grace
within ourselves.**

Minister: You lead us on, Holy Spirit,

**All: in golden threads of life, in pain and joy.
Thanks be to God!**

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Prayers of Praise and Confession, Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Notices followed by Mission Focus

with Duncan Dyason

**Radio
Christmas**

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

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Matthew 25:14-30 NT p. 24
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 NT p.182
This morning's reader is Michael Richards
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

***Hymn:** Speak dear God, through all the strangeness Tune: R&S 413
We remain seated to sing this as a prayer

**Speak, dear God, through all the strangeness
of the texts we'll share today.**

**As we host and entertain them,
let them breathe and let them stay.
May they linger with their challenge
'til we're changed by what they say,
'til we find it's you who welcomes,
walking with us on your way. CCL257120**

Sermon

Sermon notes are available at the back of the church and on the website followed by Silent Reflection

Prayers of Intercession *using the response*

Minister: Lord in your goodness
All: **Hear our prayer**

THE COMMUNION

***Hymn 140:** O Lord, how shall I meet you



*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 followed by 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,
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.**

Sung: 13 in
hymn book

Words of Institution

Sharing of the bread and wine

Post Communion Prayer

**O God, we give you grateful thanks
for all that lies within this sacred meal.
May our lives show the signs
that love is possible,
grace is believable
and compassion can be our way of life.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

***Hymn:** Walk in the light

**The Spirit lives to set us free, walk, walk in the light,
He binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light.**

*Walk in light, walk, in the light, walk in the light
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

**Jesus promised life to all, walk, walk in the light,
The dead were wakened by his call, walk, walk in the light.**

*Walk in light, walk, in the light, walk in the light
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

**He died in pain on Calvary, walk, walk in the light,
To save the lost, like you and me, walk, walk in the light.**

*Walk in light, walk in the light, walk in the light
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

**We know his death was not the end, walk, walk in the light,
He gave his Spirit to be our friend, walk, walk in the light.**

*Walk in the light, walk in the light, walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

**By Jesus' love our wounds are healed, walk, walk in the light
The Father's kindness is revealed, walk, walk in the light.**

*Walk in the light, walk in the light, walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

**The Spirit lives in you and me, walk, walk in the light,
His light will shine for all to see, walk, walk in the light.**

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

Join us for Morning Coffee, served in the Church Hall