



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by our Ministers

*Organist: Richard Brazier*

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*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 47:** O worship the King

*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: Come to me all who are weary and heavy burdened.

**All: For he will give us rest for our souls.**

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**

### **Christian Aid Focus**



# WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

**Readings:** I Corinthians 13.4-13 NT p.153

John 13.31-35 N.T. p.93

*This morning's reader is The Revd Paul Clarke*

**Reader:** In this is the word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**\*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*

## **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: Cross Shaped Love**

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

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**\* Hymn 373: Lord Jesus Christ**

## **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 95:** God is love

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

*Morning Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the service – all welcome*

