



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 3rd November 2024

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Erna Stevenson

Organist: Hilary Davan Wetton

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.

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

If you are able please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk ()*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

***Hymn 262:** Crown Him with many crowns

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

Make a
Joyful
noise
Unto
The
Lord!

Opening Responses *based on 1 Thess.2.12*

Minister: We have come together to worship God.

All: We gather in his name to sing his praise.

Minister: We come as pilgrims on a journey.

All: As Seekers after Truth travelling hopefully.

Minister: Paul writes: We appeal to you, we encourage you,
and we urge you

All: to live lives worthy of the God who calls you.

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Prayers of Praise and Confession, Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Notices

Mission Focus: The Chiltern Child Contact Centre *with Susie Hart*

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Psalm 146 OT p.527

Mark 12.38-44 NT p42 *this morning's reader is Janet Gray*

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

***Hymn 353:** There's a wideness in God's mercy *Tune: Corvedale*

Sermon: Hallelujah!

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

* **Hymn: Lord of our growing years** *Tune: Little Cornard*

**1 Lord of our growing years,
with us from infancy,
laughter and quick-dried tears,
freshness and energy:**

*your grace surrounds us all our days
for all your gifts we bring our praise.*

**2 Lord of our strongest years,
stretching our youthful powers,
lovers and pioneers
when all the world seems ours:**

Chorus

**3 Lord of our middle years,
giver of steadfastness,
courage that perseveres
when there is small success:**

Chorus

**4 Lord of our older years,
steep though the road may be,
rid us of foolish fears,
bring us serenity:**

Chorus

**5 Lord of our closing years,
always your promise stands;
hold us when death appears,
safely within your hands:**

Chorus

David Mowbray (born 1938) CCL 257120

Prayers of Intercession

using the **Prayer Song 401**: through our lives

THE COMMUNION

***Hymn 454:** Let all mortal flesh keep silence

***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:
*Sung: 13 in
hymn book*

**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.**

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 we carry into the world
the bread that brings life
and the wine of compassion
for all who wait in longing.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

*** Hymn 658:** For all the saints

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

Join us for Morning Coffee, served in the Church Hall

*Go Now
in Peace*

A decorative graphic featuring a white dove in flight above the text "Go Now in Peace". Below the text is a green scroll-like flourish.