



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson

*Organist: Edward Cross*

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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 (\*)*

*Prelude in D Minor BWV 554 : Anon (Misattributed to J.S.Bach)*

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

### \* **Hymn 378: Awake, my soul**

*During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit*

### **Opening Responses** *From Psalm 92*

Minister: It is good to praise you, Lord,

**All: and make music to your name.**

Minister: To proclaim your constant love in the morning,

**All: and tell of your faithfulness in the evening.**

Minister: For you, O Lord, are exalted forever.

**All: Amen**

Minister: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

### **Opening Prayers of Praise, Confession and Lord's Prayer**

*led by Bryan Long* followed by **Welcome and Notices**

### \***Hymn for Fathers' Day:** When Jesus called you 'Father' *Tune: 566*

**1. When Jesus called you "Father" in teaching folks to pray,  
And when he said we're children who need to trust your way,  
O God, he knew your closeness, your guidance from above.  
Perhaps in Joseph's caring, he'd learned to trust your love.**

**2. Some cannot call you Father; they will not use that name.  
The fathers they have known here have caused them fear and pain;  
And though you're like a father, you're like a mother, too.  
No single name can ever tell all we know of you.**

**3. Yet Jesus in his teaching described a father's joy  
When, at his son's returning, he ran to greet the boy.  
O God, when we have hurt you and struggled on our own,  
Just like that loving parent, you run to bring us home.**

**4. O God, you seek to save us, no matter what the cost;  
Our Father, your intention is no one will be lost.  
As Jesus called you "Abba," and trusted in your plans,  
We trust in you to guide us! Our lives are in your hands.**

**5. You hold your children's future when all will be made new.  
Your house has many dwellings so we may live with you.  
Just like a loving father, you answer when we pray.  
In thanks, may we your children now follow you each day.**

*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette CCL257120*

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Readings:** Psalm 40:1-11 p.473 OT  
Galatians 3:23-29 p.168 NT *This morning's reader is the Revd Heather McIntyre*  
**Reader:** In this is the word of the Lord  
**All:** **Thanks be to God**

### **Sermon**

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

**\*Hymn:** If, In Christ, there's no distinction *Tune: What a friend R&S 413*

**1. If, in Christ, there's no distinction,  
if, for all, he bore the cross,  
if we all are truly special,  
worth his pain, his life, his loss,  
then we each must learn to value  
those we'd rather just ignore;  
risk renewal through this challenge,  
learn to love now, more and more.**

**2. If Christ cares for Jews and Gentiles,  
welcomes all the human race,  
finds unique and special beauty  
in each single human face,  
then we each must dare to welcome  
those we'd fear or fail to see,  
risk renewal through this challenge,**

learn to love now, endlessly.

**3. If Christ stands against injustice,  
wanting slaves to be set free,  
died to liberate all captives,  
let them be who they might be,  
then we each must fight for fairness,  
never hold back or exploit,  
risk renewal through this challenge,  
learn to love with all our might.**

**4. If Christ welcomes men and women,  
values each just as they are,  
that we all may be respected,  
know our worth is on a par,  
then we all must work to alter  
each injustice, all distress,  
risk renewal through this challenge,  
learn to love with God's excess.**

*John Campbell CCL257120*

**Prayers of Intercession** *led by The Revd Carolynn Croisdale Appleby*

\* **Hymn 448:** Here, Lord, we take the broken bread

## 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**

#### **Sharing of the bread and wine**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

**All: O God, we thank you that you have welcomed us at your table and fed us with the gifts of bread and wine.**

**Remain with us on our journey of faith, we pray.**

**May we go from here in your strength showing forth in our lives the fruits of your Kingdom. Amen**

**\*Hymn 96:** Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father

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

*Fugue in D Minor BWV 554: Anon (Misattributed to J.S.Bach)*

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