



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Lent 1

## MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Heather McIntyre

Organist: Janet Reid

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

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

### \* **Hymn 45:** Morning has broken

*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, If anyone wishes to be a follower of mine,

**All: they must leave self behind,  
take up their cross and follow me.**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you**

### Opening Prayers of Praise & Confession

**The Lord's Prayer** back cover of the hymn book



## Welcome and Notices

# WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

### Theme Introduction

**\*Hymn 195:** I danced in the morning

**Readings:** Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16 O.T. p 500

Luke 4.1-13 N.T.51

*Today's reader is Valerie Edis*

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn 92:** Amazing grace

**Sermon:** Wilderness – not a negative experience

## OUR RESPONSE

Silent reflection

**\* Hymn:** Forty Days and Forty Nights *Tune: Heinlein R&S 507*

**1 Forty days and forty nights  
you were fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.**

**2 Burning heat throughout the day,  
bitter cold when light had fled;  
prowling beasts around your way,  
stones your pillow, earth your bed.**

**3 Let us your endurance share  
and from earthly greed abstain,  
with you watching unto prayer  
with you strong to suffer pain.**

**4 Then if evil on us press,  
flesh or spirit to assail,  
Victor in the wilderness,  
help us not to swerve or fail!**

*G.H.Smyttan CCL257120*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

### **\*Presentation of the Offering**

*Each week we make our gifts in a variety of ways, by placing cash or envelopes in the baskets as we enter or exit church or through direct bank giving. All these offerings are dedicated now as we sing:*

**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.**

*Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

**\*Hymn 522:** From heaven you came

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



*Tea and Coffee are served after the service in the Church Hall*

## **Holy Week and Easter Service 2025**

Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Morning Worship 10.30am

Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Holy Communion 7.30pm

Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Reflective Service

Easter Day 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Holy Communion

