

# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Ian Green  
and The Revd Heather McIntyre

*Organist: Edward Cross*

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

*Prelude: Recit de Nazard: Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier (1734-94)*

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP



**\*Hymn 405:** Angel voices ever singing

*During which the bible is placed in the pulpit*

### **Opening Responses** *From the Iona Community*

Minister: Jesus says: 'I am the Way for you'.

**All: And so we come to follow Christ.**

Minister: Jesus says: 'I am the Truth for you'.

**All: And so we come to dwell in the light.**

Minister: Jesus says: 'I am the Life for you'.

**All: And so we come ready for change.**

Minister: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

### **Prayers of Adoration and confession**

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

## Welcome and Notices

**January Mission Focus:** Wheels for the World

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn 613:** Lord speak to me

### Introduction to the Theme

**Readings:** Isaiah 43.1-7 O.T.p.604  
Luke 3.15-17, 21-22 N.T.p.51

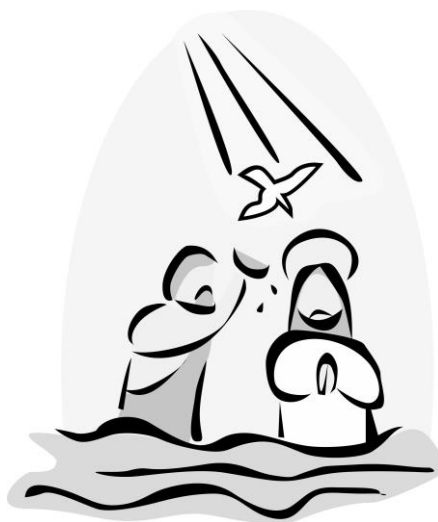
*This morning's reader is Terry Stone*

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

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

**\*Hymn 558:** Will you come and follow me

**Sermon:** *A Radical Moment of Dedication* followed by *Silent Reflection*  
*Sermon notes are available as you leave and on the church website*



## OUR RESPONSE

**\*Hymn:** I the Lord of sea and sky  
I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my Word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.

**Whom shall I send?**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.***

*Dan Schutte (b.1947) CCL 257120*

## **Prayers 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 530:** Living God, your joyful spirit

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

*Morning Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after Morning Service  
Postlude: Praeludium & Fugue BuxWV152: Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

*After the service please feel free to either leave during the Postlude or sit and listen to it all the way through.*

*Go in peace*