



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 9th June 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Ian Green

*Organist: Hilary Davan Wetton*

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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 39:** All creatures of our God and King *omit verses 5 and 6*

*During which the bible is placed in the pulpit*

### Opening Responses

Minister: We gather to worship God,

**All: to present our prayers and praises.**

Minister: We gather to listen out for God,

**All: who speaks through bible and sermon,  
in silence and in fellowship.**

Minister: This is the day the Lord has made

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

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

**Mission Focus:** Chiltern Toy Bank

**\*Hymn 195:** I danced in the morning *chosen for us by Jean Kelly*

# WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

## Responsive Psalm 138

Minister: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

**All: I will bow down towards your holy temple  
and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.**

Minister: In the day that I called to you, you answered me;  
you put new strength in my soul.

**All: All the kings of the earth shall praise you,  
O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

Minister: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

**All: Though the Lord be high,  
he watches over the lowly;  
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.**

Minister: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you will preserve me;  
you will stretch forth your hand against  
the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.

**All: The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures forever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.  
Glory be to you, our God,  
Creator, Saviour and Spirit. Amen**

**Readings:** Genesis 3.8-15 O.T. p.2

Mark 3.19b-35 N.T. p.31

*This morning's reader is Michael Richards*

**\*Hymn 349:** I heard the voice of Jesus say

**Sermon:** Surprise, surprise...

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

## OUR RESPONSE

**\*Hymn:** Lord of all worlds *Tune R&S 504: Highwood*

**Lord of all worlds, we worship and adore you,  
creation sings a galaxy of praise;  
the planets fly, the stars cry out in wonder,  
new life appears, evolving in its ways.**

**You forged the sun, the molten light of morning;  
you scattered stars, flung jewels of the night;  
you are the day which penetrates our darkness:  
fill us with hope that we might share your light.**

**You summoned land from dark and heaving oceans,  
you moulded hills and carved the mountains high,  
you are the artist who is still creating:  
make us your partners lest the earth should die.**

**The glittering shoals flash through the rippling water,  
the gliding gull ascends the stream of air:  
now leaping thought and consecrated action  
become our way of living and of prayer.**

**You are the wind that rushes through the heavens,  
the breath that gently feeds us from our birth:  
we rest in you, our source and goal of living,  
we strive for you as stewards of your earth.**

*Christopher J.Ellis CCL 257120*

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*led by Margaret Howard*

### **\*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:** For all the love *Tune: R&S 658 Sine Nomine*

**1 For all the love that from our earliest days  
has gladdened life and guarded all our ways,  
we bring You, Lord, our song of grateful praise:  
Alleluia!**

**2 For all the truth from wisdom's lighted page,  
undimmed and pure, that shines from age to age,  
God's holy Word, our priceless heritage:  
Alleluia!**

**3 For all the joy that childhood's days have brought,  
for healthful lives and purity of thought,  
for life's deep meaning to our spirits taught:  
Alleluia!**

**4 For all the hope that sheds its glorious ray  
along the dark and unknown future way,  
and lights the path to God's eternal day,  
Alleluia!**

**5 For Christ our Lord, our Saviour and our friend,  
upon whose love and truth our souls depend,  
our hope, our strength, our joy that knows no end:  
Alleluia!**

*L.J.Egerton Smith*

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

*Church Lunch is served in the Church Hall after the service - all welcome!*