

AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Audio Service Holy Communion for September and October 2020



Welcome and Introduction

Scripture Sentences

I am that living bread which has come down from heaven; if anyone eats this bread he shall live forever. Moreover, the bread which I will give is my own flesh; I give it for the life of the world.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And, with breathless awe, come near;
Contemplate the Lord of heaven,
Present with his people here.
In the bread and wine receive him:
Christ the Lord, whom we revere.

Glorious king of endless ages,
Dwelling on God's holiness;
Loving human nature dearly,
Grieving for our wickedness:
Formed within the womb of Mary,
Born to bear our wretchedness.

Praised by all the hosts of heaven,
Praised by all created things;
Every righteous soul, each prophet,
Martyr and apostle, sings
'Praise and glory in the highest,
Glory to the King of kings!'

Six-winged seraphim extol him,
Veil their faces, over-awed,
Cherubim, all-seeing, praise him:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, eternally adored!"

Invitation

We gather to give thanks to God.

At the cross the Lord Jesus offered up his life – choosing forgiveness in place of retaliation and love in place of hate.

Through his self-giving generosity we find love, hope, peace and new beginnings.

And so we gather to give thanks to God – for Good Friday's cross of peace and Easter Sunday's empty tomb.

Come to this table as you are – come with your faith, your doubt, your searching after truth.

Come with your strengths and your vulnerabilities and find here a welcome – the embrace of a loving God who offers us the bread of life and the wine of hope and healing.

Sursum Corda Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Sanctus Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore, with all your people in heaven and on earth
we sing the resounding hymn of your glory.

**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.**

Acclamation

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Institution

On the night on which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus, after he had given thanks took the bread and broke it saying: This is my body which is given for you, do this as often as you

eat it in remembrance of me. That same night after supper he took the cup saying: This cup is the cup of the new covenant. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Reception

The body of Christ was given for you...

The blood of Christ was shed for you...

Choir Anthem:

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom

Hymn:

Love Divine sung by the AFC virtual choir

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down!
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place;
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Concluding Prayer

Holy God,
we have been nourished and had our thirst quenched,
through bread broken and wine poured
in thanksgiving for your Son Jesus Christ.
Send us out to be as generous to those we meet this week,
that we might show through word and deed
that he is not dead,
but risen and present among us.
Hallelujah!

Blessing