

AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH MORNING SERVICE

Sunday 4th October 2020

Led by The Revd Ian Green

Organist: George Orme



Welcome

Opening Responses *standing*

Minister: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

All: God was.

Minister: Here and now, among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

All: God is.

Minister: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found fulfilment,

All: God will be.

Minister: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world,
but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: God was, God is, God will be.

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Hymn *Sung by The AFC Chancel Singers (R&S 422)*

***Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name!***

**Here we display God's foolishness, which came
To put the wisdom of this world to shame
*Lift high the Cross,...***

**Our only boast is Jesus crucified;
We die with him and shall be glorified.
*Lift high the Cross,...***

**Bearing our human likeness as his own,
In death and suffering Christ took up his throne.
*Lift high the Cross,...***

**Sin's deadly bond which sealed our total loss
He set aside and nailed it to the Cross.
*Lift high the Cross,...***

**All nameless powers that human life betray
Are let as captives on his triumph day.
*Lift high the Cross,...***

**May we, baptised according to his word,
Take up his cup and drink it with our Lord.
*Lift high the Cross,...***

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

First Reading

Philippians 3.4-14 *read by Peter Wilkinson*
In this is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Introduction to Today's Theme: Finding our Convictions

Second Reading

Matthew 21.33-45 *read by Peter Wilkinson*
In this is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Church Life Focus

Hymn *sung by The Chancel Singers (R&S 349)*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Forlorn and faint and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your day be bright.'
I look to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
Till travelling days are done.**

Sermon

Living our Convictions



Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercessions and Dedication

using the prayer response:

Minister: Lord of love and light
All: **Hear our Prayer**

Hymn sung by The Big Sing Choir of The Jubilate Group, made available to churches during The Pandemic

**1 O come to him, receive him,
he is the living bread;
and by his body broken
our hungry souls are fed.**

**2 O come to him, remember
how he, the Lamb of God,
gave up his life to save us
by his most precious blood.**

**3 O come to him, Redeemer,
High Priest who intercedes:
God looks on us in mercy,
his grace supplies our needs.**

**4 Let us recall his promise:
"I'll surely come again,
take you where I am going."**

Lord, even so. Amen! Emma Turl © Emma Turl, admin. The Jubilate Group CCL 257120

Holy 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 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,
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.**

Sung by

The Chancel singers

Words of Institution

Receiving bread and wine

Agnus Dei *sung by The Chancel Singers*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace**

Post Communion Prayer

**O God, we give you grateful thanks
for all that lies within this sacred meal.
May we carry into the world
the bread that brings life
and the wine of compassion
for all who wait in longing.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

Hymn *sung by the Chancel Singers (R&S 607)*

**This is the truth we hold,
Source of the joy we share,
Hope that can make us bold
Trusting the name we bear;
That 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
In Christ shall all be made alive.'**

**This is the song of praise
Echoing down the years,
True for the present days,
Through all our doubts and fears;
For 'Christ has dies' and 'Christ is risen,
In Christ shall all be made alive'.**

**Christ is the living Bread,
Christ is the word to speak,
Christ is the way to tread,
Christ is the goal to seek;
For 'Christ has died,' and Christ is risen,
In Christ shall all be made alive'.**

**One in the faith we share,
Out in his name we go;
Jesus awaits us there,
Longing that all should know
That 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
In Christ shall all be made alive'.**

Blessing *standing with Amen sung by The Chancel Singers*

Recessional

As the organ plays we leave church, one row at a time, from the back.

If you wish to listen to the voluntary all the way through then please remain in your seat until the end and then leave.