

# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH MORNING SERVICE

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Led by our Ministers

Organist: Matthew Green



Welcome

Opening Responses *standing*

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: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name.

**All: Worship the Lord in the splendour of His holiness**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you** *Psalm 29.2*

Hymn *Sung by The AFC Chancel Singers*

*R & S No. 339 (Tune: 327 Sussex Carol)*

**Great God, your love has called us here  
As we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
Though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
Your call to hear, your love to find.**

**We come with self-inflicted pains  
Of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
Half-free, half-bound by inner chains,  
By social forces swept along,  
By powers and systems close confined  
Yet seeking hope for humankind.**

**Great God, in Christ you call our name  
And then receive us as your own  
Not through some merit, right or claim  
But by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy-seat  
And find you kneeling at our feet.**

**Great God, In Christ you set us free  
Your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
To turn from guilt and dull despair  
And offer all that faith can do  
While love is making all things new.**

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading Psalm 96.1-9 *read by Gillian Munro*  
In this is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Introduction to today's theme

New Testament Reading  
Matthew 22.15-22 *read by Gillian Munro*  
In this is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Church Life Focus

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

**1 He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
hallelujah for evermore.**

**LEADER: Why did he come?**

**2 He came down that we may have peace . . .**

**3 He came down that we may have joy . . .**

**4 He came down that we may have power . . .**

**5 He came down that we may have hope . . .**

*Words: Cameroon Traditional*

*Music: HE CAME DOWN (Cameroon Traditional) Arrangement: Geoff Weaver CCL 257120*

Sermon  
Flip the Coin



**Hymn** *Sung by The AFC Chancel Singers*  
*R & S No 371*

**Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee:  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in endless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure-store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercessions and Dedication *Led by Sara Autton*

**Hymn** *sung by The Chancel Singers*  
*R & S 76 (Tune: Church Triumphant)*

**The Lord is King! Lift up your voice  
O earth, and all the heavens rejoice!  
From world to world the joy shall ring,  
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'**

**The Lord is King! Who then shall dare  
Resist his will, distrust his care,  
Or murmur at his wise decrees,  
Or doubt his royal promises?**

**The Lord is King! Child of the dust,  
The judge of all the earth is just;  
Holy and true are all his ways;  
Let every creature speak his praise.**

**He reigns! O saints, exalt your strains;  
Your God is King, your Father reigns;  
And he is at the Father's side,  
The Man of love, the Crucified.**

**One Lord, one empire, all secured;  
He reigns, and life and death are yours;  
Through earth and heaven one song shall ring,  
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'**

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.*