



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 30th January 2022

Morning Worship

led by our Ministers

Organist: Laurence Beard

If you are able, please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk

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GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

***Hymn 67:** Immortal, invisible, God only wise

During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses from Psalm 29

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

Prayers of Adoration and confession

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymn book

Welcome and Notices

Mission Focus



* **Hymn:** Let us sing *(Tune R&S 523 Sing Hosanna)*

**1. Let us sing to the God of salvation,
let us sing to the Lord our rock!
Let us come to his house with thanksgiving,
let us come before the Lord and sing!**

Refrain

***Praise our Maker,
Praise our Saviour,
Praise the Lord our everlasting King.
Every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything!***

**2. In his hand are the earth's deepest places,
and the strength of the hills is his!
All the sea is the Lord's, for he made it,
by his hands the dry land was formed.**

Refrain

**3. Let us worship the Lord our Maker,
Let us worship the Lord our God;
for we all are the sheep of his pasture,
He will guide us by his powerful hand.**

Refrain

**4. Let today be the time when you hear Him!
May our hearts not be hard or cold,
lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion,
as his people did in time of old.**
Refrain

Richard Bewes from Psalm 95 Jubilate Hymns CCL 257120

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: I Corinthians 13.1-7 p.153 NT
Luke 4.21-23 p.52 NT
This morning's reader is Tom Wood

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

***Hymn 277:** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds Tune: St Peter

Sermon: Defining love by a different metric

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn: Let love be real Tune R&S 265 Londonderry Air

**Let love be real, in giving and receiving,
Without the need to manage and to own;
A haven free from posing and pretending,
Where every weakness may be safely known.
Give me your hand, along the desert pathway,
Give me your love wherever we may go.
As God loves us, so let us love each other;
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.**

**Let love be real, not grasping or confining,
That strange embrace that holds yet sets us free;
That helps us face the risk of truly living,
And makes us brave to be what we might be.
Give me your strength when all my words are weakness;
Give me your love in spite of all you know.
As God loves us, so let us love each other;
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.**

**Let love be real, with no manipulation,
No secret wish to harness or control;
Let us accept each other's incompleteness,
And share the joy of learning to be whole.
Give me your hope through dreams and disappointments
Give me your trust when all my failings show.
As God loves us, so let us love each other;
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.**

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession *lead by Liz Waumsley*

***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 (1637-171)

***Hymn 663: Love Divine** *Tune: Blaenwern R&S 95*

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

After the service Morning Coffee is served in the Church Hall