



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 30th June 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Ian Green

Organist: Hilary Davan Wetton

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

***Hymn 115:** Let all the world in every corner sing

During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: We have come together to worship God,
All: we gather to offer our praises and prayers.
Minister: We have come to listen out for God's Word,
**All: spoken to us in bible and sermon,
in silence and in fellowship.**
Minister: God's love and compassion never fail
All: They are new every morning
Minister: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.

Prayers of Adoration and confession

The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Notices and Introduction to the Theme

***Hymn: Hills of the North rejoice** *chosen for us by Sara Autton*

(Tune: Little Cornard) Original text by Charles Oakley

**Hills of the North, rejoice!
River and mountain spring
Hark to the Advent voice
Valley and lowland sing;
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh
He judgement brings and victory.**

Isles of the Southern seas,
Deep in your coral caves,
Pent be each warring breeze
Lulled be your restless waves;
He comes to reign with boundless sway
And makes your wastes his great highway.

Lands of the East, awake!
Soon shall your sons be free,
The sleep of ages break,
And rise to liberty;
On your far hills, long cold and grey
Has dawned the everlasting day!

Shores of the utmost West
Ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblessed,
Break forth to swelling song
High raise the note that Jesus died,
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

Shout while ye journey home!
Songs be in every mouth.
Lo! From the North we come,
From East and West and South.
City of God, the bond are free,
We come to live and reign in thee!

Altered text by Charles Moorsom CCL 257120

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Psalm 130 *set for today*

Leader: From the depths of my despair
I call to you, Lord.

All: Hear my cry, O Lord;

Leader: Listen to my call for help!

**All: If you kept a record of our sins,
who could escape being condemned?**

Leader: But you forgive us,
so that we should stand in awe of you.

All: I wait eagerly for the Lord's help,

Leader: And in his word I trust.

**All: I wait for the Lord
more eagerly than watchmen
wait for the dawn.
Glory be to you, our God,
Creator, Saviour and Spirit. Amen**

Readings: Lamentations 3.22-33 O.T. p.687

Mark 5.21-43 N.T. p.33

This morning's reader is Peter Wilkinson

***Hymn 610:** Beloved let us love

Sermon: Unresolved Cadences

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

OUR RESPONSE

***Hymn:** Called by the love of Christ *Tune: Coe Fen R&S 661 CCL 257120*

**I Called by the love of Christ to be
life's flavour hid from sight;
yet challenged by the self-same love
to shine like beacons bright,
Lord, when our neighbours' lives are grim,
decaying dark as night,
empow'r us in the name of love,
to live as salt and light!**

**2 Called by the love of Christ to bear
his kingdom-bringing fruit;
yet only when we're grafted firm
to his life-giving root,
Lord, when exhausted, each becomes**

**a withered, dying shoot,
re-graft, restore us by your love
to grow and bear your fruit**

**3 Called by the love of Christ to hold
God's treasure, rich and rare;
yet in ourselves but rough clay pots,
just common kitchenware.
Lord, show your love by using us
as vessel of your care,
that cracked and chipped and used and worn
we'll prove that you are there!**

**4 Called by the love of Christ to be
one body with one will;
yet each of worth, ourselves, distinct,
unique in gift and skill.
Lord, may our differences supply
the vigour of the whole;
in diverse ways all work one work
together reach your goal.** *John Campbell © Kevin Mayhew Ltd*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*using the Prayer Response found at R & S 401
written by The Revd Erna Stevenson*

***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 650: God with humanity made one**

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**