



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 12th September 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

led by our Ministers

Organist: Hilary Davan Wetton

Please stand, if you are able, for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (*)

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

* **Hymn:** Sing for God's glory Tune R&S 74: Lobe den Herren

During which the bible is taken to the pulpit



1. Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight
succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.

2. Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would
bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,
touching our shame
with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.

3. Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right,
resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.

4. Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey
before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see
the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.

Kathryn Galloway CCL257120

Opening Responses

Minister: The earth and all its creatures belong to God

All: Everything is yours: Giver of Life!

Minister: We come longing for grace, justice and peace

All: Hear our Prayer: Maker of Truth!

Minister: We come with confusion needing your hope

All: Receive us now: Way of Wisdom!

Minister: The Lord be with you,

All: and also with you.

Opening Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer *back cover of hymn book*

Welcome and Notices

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 321: Your words to me are life and health

Tune R & S 441: Belmont

Readings: James 3:1-12 N.T. p. 205
Mark 8:27-38 N.T. p. 37
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**
This morning's reader is Gill Bilski

Introduction to the Theme

Hymn 309: Spirit of the living God



Sermon

OUR RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

* **Hymn 558:** Will you come and follow me

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession



* **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)

We remain standing to sing * **Hymn: 574**

Go forth and tell! Tune: Woodlands R&S 740



Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen *All Standing*

Join us for Morning Coffee in the Alfred Ellis Hall

