



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 14th November 2021
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

led by our Ministers

Organist: Graham Nash

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

***Hymn 705:** Our God, our help in ages past
During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses *based on Psalm 46*

Minister: We come together to worship God

**All: We gather to offer our praise
and thanksgiving**

Minister: God is our refuge and strength

All: A very present help in times of trouble

Minister: Come, behold the works of the Lord

All: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth

Minister: He breaks the bow and shatters the spear

All: Be still and know that He is God

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

*** Hymn:** O God you search me:

**I O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.**

**2 You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.**

**3 Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.**

**4 Although your Spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.**

**5 For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new**

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AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE



Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

Minister: The hatred which divides nation from nation,
race from race, class from class,

All: Father, forgive.

Minister: The covetous desires of people and nations
to possess what is not their own,

All: Father, forgive.

Minister: The greed which exploits the work of human hands
and lays waste the earth,

All: Father, forgive.

Minister: Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

All: Father, forgive.

Minister: Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned,
the homeless, the refugee,

All: Father, forgive.

Minister: The lust which dishonours the bodies of men,
women and children,
All: Father, forgive.
Minister: The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
All: Father, forgive.
Minister: Be kind to one another, tender hearted,
forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

CITATION

*Minister: They shall grow not old,
All: as we who are left grow old.
Minister: Age shall not weary them,
All: nor the years condemn.
Minister: At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
All: We will remember them.
Silence is kept
Minister: When you go home tell them of us and say:
All: For your tomorrow we gave our today

Remaining standing we sing as a prayer:

**1. God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us;
God save the Queen.**

**2. Lord be our nation's light,
guide us in truth and right:
in you we stand;
give us your faithfulness,
keep us from selfishness,
raise us to godliness:
God save our land!**

**3. Lord make your mercies known
not on this land alone
but on each shore.
Soon may the nations be
in love and unity,
and form one family
the whole world o'er.**

v.1 Anon v.2 Jubilate Hymns v.3 William Edward Hickson (1803-70) altd.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Daniel 12.1-3 O.T. p.749
Mark 13.1-8 N.T. p.42
this morning's reader is Sara Autton
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

***Hymn 635:** Put peace into each other's hands

Sermon: Defiant Hope *Sermon notes are available as you leave and on the church website*

OUR RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession *led by David Eldridge*

*** 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: 486:** By gracious powers *(Tune: Finlandia)*

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen** *All Standing*
Join us for Morning Coffee in the Church Hall.