



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 28th November 2021

ADVENT SUNDAY

WORSHIP TOGETHER

AFC's occasional All Age Service

Organist: Graham Nash

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

Today's Theme is:

Signposts to Jesus



Welcome and Introduction

*** Opening Responses** *Based on Psalm 68*

Minister: We have come together to worship God.

All: We gather together to listen out for his word and offer our prayers.

Minister: We come to sing praises to God.

All: We gather with rejoicing and thanksgiving.

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

***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

Opening Prayers of Praise and Confession and Lord's Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: Come and see with the angels

All: Who announced God's Good News

Leader: On the Bethlehem hillside the angels sang:

All: Glory to God in the highest heaven
and peace on earth to all

The first candle is lit

Leader: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.



Talk: John the Baptist 'signposts' Jesus

* **Hymn 139:** The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

Notices

My Signposts with Janet Reid

Readings: Luke 1.57-66 NT.p 48

Matthew 3.1-6 NT p.2

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

This morning's reader is Mary Northen

* **Hymn 141:** Make Way

Signposts in Advent Art with Liz Waumsley

Praying with Advent Objects

* **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:** Lord the light of Your love is shining

**1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of darkness shining
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me**

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine

Fill this land with the Fathers glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth Your word

Lord, and let there be light

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence

From the shadows into Your radiance

By the blood I may enter Your brightness

Search me, try me, consume all my darkness

Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness

So our faces display Your likeness

Ever changing from glory to glory

Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story

Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

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***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen** *All Standing*

