



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 27th October 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Canon Geoff Colmer and Mrs Janet Reid

Organist: Laurence Beard

*We have a Loop System – to access please set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.
If you are able please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (*)*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

*** Hymn 33:** Eternal God, your love's tremendous glory

Tune R&S 603 Lord for the years

During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses:

Leader: We have come together to worship God,

All: **we gather to offer our praises and prayers.**

Leader: We have come to listen out for God's Word,

All: **spoken to us in bible and sermon,
in silence and in fellowship.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Opening Praise, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Notices

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Psalm 100

we say together the words in bold type

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

**All: It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

All: give thanks to him and praise his name.

Leader: For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**All: Glory be to you, our God,
Creator, Saviour and Spirit,
Now and forever. Amen**

* **Hymn:** O God you searched me and you know me

**1 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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Readings: Rom. 7.15-25a N.T. p.137
Matt. 11.25-30 N.T. p.10
Today's reader is Valerie Edis

***Hymn 355:** Jesus calls us

Sermon: Gracious Invitations

Followed by silent reflection

OUR RESPONSE

***Hymn 349:** I heard the voice of Jesus say

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)

* **Hymn:** We have a dream *Tune Woodlands R & S 740*

**1. We have a dream: this nation will arise,
and truly live according to its creed,
that all are equal in their maker's eyes,
and none shall suffer through another's greed.**

**2. We have a dream that one day we shall see
a world of justice, truth and equity,
where sons of slaves and daughters of the free
will share the banquet of community.**

**3. We have a dream of deserts brought to flow'r
once made infertile by oppression's heat,
when love and truth shall end oppressive pow'r,
and streams of righteousness and justice meet.**

**4. We have a dream: our children shall be free
from judgements based on colour or on race;
free to become whatever they may be,
of their own choosing in the light of grace.**

**5. We have a dream that truth will overcome
the fear and anger of our present day;
that black and white will share a common home,
and hand in hand will walk the pilgrim way.**

**6. We have a dream: each valley will be raised,
and ev'ry mountain, ev'ry hill brought down;
then shall creation echo perfect praise,
and share God's glory under freedom's crown!**

Michael Forster CCL257120

Dismissal and Blessing with sung **Amen**

Morning Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the service