



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 12th May 2024

MORNING WORSHIP for Ascension Sunday

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Heather McIntyre

Organist: Hilary Davan Whetton

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

* **Hymn 252:** Hail the day that sees him rise *Tune: R&S 102 Llanfair*

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany,
he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

**All: While he was blessing them, he left them
and was taken up into heaven.**

Minister: Then they worshipped him and returned to
Jerusalem with great joy.

**All: And they stayed continually at the temple,
praising God.**

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Opening Prayers of Praise, Confession and Lord's Prayer *followed by*

Welcome and Notices

Mission Focus: Christian Aid



***Hymn:** In this world, the isle of dreams *Tune: Brookend: Gustave Holst*

**In this world, the isle of dreams,
While we sit by sorrow's streams,
Tears and terrors are our themes
Reciting:**

**But when once from hence we fly
More and more approaching nigh
Unto young eternity,
Uniting:**

**In that whiter island, where
Things are evermore sincere;
Candor here and luster there
Delighting:**

**There no monstrous fancies shall
Out of hell an horror call,
To create, or cause at all,
Affrighting.**

**There, in calm and cooling sleep
We our eyes shall never steep,
But eternal watch shall keep,
Attending**

**Pleasures, such as shall pursue
Me immortalized, and you;
And fresh joys, as never too
Have ending.**

Robert Herrick 1591- 1674 CCL257120 By kind permission of Miss Imogen Holst

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Acts 1.1-11 p.101
Luke 24.44-53 p.77
This morning's reader is David Watson

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Hymn 489: Be thou my vision

Prayer before the Sermon

Minister: Gracious God

**All: May your Living Word
come to us afresh this morning**

Minister: So, touch, we pray our minds and hearts
with your grace and truth

**All: Through Christ our Lord
and in the power of your Spirit. Amen**

Sermon: Big shoes to fill

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

* **Hymn:** Christ triumphant *Tune: Guiting Power*

1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,

Saviour, Master, King!

Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,

hear us as we sing:

Yours the glory and the crown,

the high renown, the eternal name.

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,

Son of Man on earth!

power and majesty concealing

by your humble birth:

Yours the glory...

3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,

victim crucified!

death is through the cross defeated,

sinner justified:

Yours the glory...

4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever

high in heaven above!

**sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory...**

**5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Yours the glory...**

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Prayers of 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 253: God is gone up on high

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

Join us for Morning Coffee in the Church Hall

