



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 7th August 2022

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson and Mr Bryan Long

Organist: Edward Cross

Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are invited to receive communion.

If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please let them pass by without embarrassment.

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

***Hymn:** This is God's house *Tune: 183 Epiphany Hymn*

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

- 1. This is God's house, holy ground for God's people, hallowed by singing and silence and prayer; blessed by the presence and power of the Spirit, founded on faith in the Saviour we share.**
- 2. This is the place where the Church, as Christ's body, meets as a family where all have their place; stalwart and stranger, speaker and seeker – each needs the other and all need God's grace.**
- 3. This is the time when desires and intentions find interaction with God's holy word; trouble and treasure and business and pleasure, all are redeemed and restored by the Lord.**
- 4. This is the purpose of God in creation; all shall be changed for the Gospel is true – sickness to health, apathy to believing, doubt to commitment and old into new.**

*Opening Responses

Minister: O God, who created the Universe
and brought light out of darkness,
**All: with awe and wonder
we come into the mystery of your presence.**

Minister: O God, who in Jesus lived among us
And embraced the bitter cross,
**All: with longing and hope
we come into the mystery of your presence.**

Minister: O God, who through your Spirit
brings guidance, comfort and healing,
**All: with open hearts and minds
we come into the mystery of your presence
to be nourished and to be blessed.**

Minister: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.

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

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn: God, present in your written word

Tune: Put peace into each other's hands 635 We sing it as a prayer remaining seated

**1. God, present in your written word,
be present now, we pray,
be welcomed, honoured, given room
to say what you would say.**

**2. And should our readings be well-known,
words often heard before,
surprise, intrigue with further gifts,
bring challenge to our door.**

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Readings: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 NT p.200
Luke 12:32-40 NT p.63
This morning's reader is Andrew Merrifield
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon *followed by Silent reflection*

***Hymn 90:** O Lord, all the world belongs to you

Prayer of Intercession *led by Norma Jenns*

THE COMMUNION

***Hymn 438:** An upper room did our Lord prepare

***The Peace** *all standing*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you
All: **and also with you.**

Minister: We say for one another:

All: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore.**

***The Offertory Procession**

Minister: We give thanks to God and sing:

All: **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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Invitation to Communion

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Therefore with all your people in heaven and on earth we sing the resounding hymn of your glory:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,**

Sung: 13 in heaven and earth are full of your glory.

hymn book Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution and Sharing of the bread and wine

Post Communion Prayer

**All: Here O Lord, we have known you with us,
we have shared in your generosity
and have been touched by your love.
May your promise take us into a new future,
where your kingdom comes
and your will is done,
now and for evermore. Amen**

***Hymn 415:** You shall go out with joy (x2)

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

Morning Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the service – all welcome

