



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 11th March 2018 Lent 4

MOTHERING SUNDAY

ALL AGE SERVICE

led by our Ministers

Organist: Matthew Green

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

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

***Hymn 72:** Now thank we all our God

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

All: let us shout to the Rock of our salvation.

Minister: Come before him with thanksgiving;

All: singing joyful songs of praise.

Minister: The Lord be with you,

All: And also with you.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer followed by **Welcome and Notices**

A Mothering Sunday Quiz!

Distribution of flowers

*** Hymn:** Seek ye first the kingdom of God



WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Exodus 2.1-10 O.T. 45
Matthew 2.13-15 N.T.p.2
This morning's reader is Liz Waumsley
Reader: In this is the word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

Anthem

Responsive Reading

Leader: How blessed are those who know their need of God;

All: **the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

Leader: How blessed are the sorrowful;

All: **they shall find consolation.**

Leader: How blest are those of a gentle spirit;

All: **they shall have the earth as their possession.**

Leader: How blessed are those who hunger and thirst
to see right prevail;

All: **they shall be satisfied.**

Leader: How blessed are those who show mercy;

All: **mercy shall be shown to them.**

Leader: How blest are those whose hearts are pure;

All: **they shall see God.**

Leader: How blessed are the peacemakers;

All: **God shall call them his children.**

Leader: How blest are those who have suffered
for the cause of right;

All: **the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

Talk I: Baby Moses



***Hymn:** The Lord's my shepherd
I The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me lie in pastures green,
he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

**2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil;
And my cup – it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.**

**3 And though I walk the darkest path –
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.** *Stuart Townend CCL 257120*

Talk 2: Baby Jesus

OUR RESPONSE

***Hymn**
**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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The Offering and Prayer of Dedication *all standing*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* **Hymn 740:** Tell out my soul

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

*Join us for coffee, tea or a cold drink in the
Alfred Ellis Hall where the Fairtrade stall is open.*