



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 4th November 2018 All Saints Sunday
MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Ian Green

Organist: Matthew Green

*All who love and follow our Lord Jesus Christ 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 33:** Eternal God *Tune: R&S 603*

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: We have come together to worship God.

All: We gather in his name to sing his praise.

Minister: We come as pilgrims on a journey.

All: As Seekers after Truth travelling hopefully.

Minister: We come in the name of him
who guides and directs our footsteps.

**All: We meet in the name of Jesus,
The Way, The Truth and the Life.**

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Prayers of Praise and Confession, Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Notices

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

All Age Talk

***Hymn:** King of Kings

**1. King of Kings, Majesty,
God of heaven, living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End
All within me falls at Your throne**

Refrain:

***Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty***

**2. Earth and heaven worship You,
God Eternal, Faithful and True
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise**

Refrain

Jarrod Cooper CCL 257120

We remain standing for a Prayer of Blessing for Junior Church and then children and young people leave for their groups. Babies and toddlers are welcome in The Crèche.

Readings: Revelation 21.1-4 NT p.231

John 11.32-44 NT p90 *this morning's reader is Janet Gray*

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Jesus Wept

sermon notes are available at the back of the church and on the website followed by Silent Reflection

*** Hymn:** Going Home *Words by Michael L. Forster © 1999 CCL 257120*

**1. Going home, moving on,
through God's open door;
hush, my soul, have no fear,
Christ has gone before.
Parting hurts, love protests,
pain is not denied;
yet, in Christ, life and hope span the great divide.
Going home, moving on,**

through God's open door;
hush, my soul, have no fear,
Christ has gone before,
Christ has gone before.

2. No more guilt, no more fear,
all the past is healed:
broken dreams now restored,
perfect grace revealed.
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again:
death destroyed, life restored,
love alone shall reign.
Going home, moving on,
through God's open door;
hush, my soul, have no fear,
Christ has gone before,
Christ has gone before.

Prayers of Intercession followed by the **Offering**

THE COMMUNION

***Hymn 447:** I come with joy *Second Tune: St Botolph*

***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 followed by 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,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Sung: 13 in
hymn book*

Words of Institution

Sharing of the bread and wine

The bread and wine are brought to the congregation. The wine is served first – please put your glass in the bookrack. Once all have been served we eat and drink together.

Post Communion Prayer

**O God, we give you grateful thanks
for all that lies within this sacred meal.
May we carry into the world
the bread that brings life
and the wine of compassion
for all who wait in longing.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**



***Hymn 658:** For all the saints

***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.*