

AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Audio Service Holy Communion



Welcome and Introduction

Scripture Sentences

words from John 20:

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you! Then he said to Thomas: 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop doubting and believe'. Thomas said to him: 'My Lord and my God'. Then Jesus told him: 'Because you have seen me, you have believed, blessed are those who have not seen me yet have believed'.

Invitation

As the disciples of Jesus once gathered around a table with their Lord in an Upper Room, so we come, separately in our homes, yet united together in a spirit of communion.

We do so deeply conscious that, wherever we are, God meets us in bread and wine, symbols of the life given up for us in the death of the Lord Jesus Christ upon Good Friday's cross.

We also come rejoicing in the reality of resurrection. We offer Eucharistic thanks that love is stronger than hate, light can burn through darkness and peace can replace violence, for Jesus showed us the way in giving himself for others. And his Spirit has touched ours and blesses the earth today with resurrection.

So, now Jesus calls us to remember him in bread and wine, not as a mark of either our great faith or understanding, but because God invites us to receive his love, to celebrate his goodness and be inspired by his loving kindness.

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

arranged by Eric Williams and sung by the AFC augmented choir at his memorial service

Sursum Corda

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Sanctus

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

**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.**

Accalmation Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Institution

On the night on which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus, after he had given thanks took the bread and broke it saying: This is my body which is given for you, do this as often as you eat it in remembrance of me. That same night after supper he took the cup saying: This cup is the cup of the new covenant. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Reception

The body of Christ was given for you...

The blood of Christ was shed for you...

We take a moment of quiet prayer as reflective music is played

Concluding Prayer

O God, we give you grateful thanks for all
that you have given us in this sacred meal.
May our lives show the signs that love is possible,
grace is believable and compassion can be the way of life.
We pray in your name. Amen

Blessing

Recessional: Arrangement of Thine be the Glory: *arranged and played by Matthew Green*