

AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 30th March 2025 Lent 5

MORNING WORSHIP for Mothering Sunday

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Carolynn Croisdale-Appleby

Organist: Laurence Beard

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

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

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

During which the bible is placed in the pulpit



Opening Responses

Minister: Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother.
When Jesus saw her, and the disciple
he loved standing nearby, he said to Mary:

All: Dear woman here is your son.

Minister: And to the disciple:

All: Here is your mother.

Minister: From that time on, this disciple took Mary
into his home.

In this service we shall worship God
and thank him for all the ways
his love comes into our lives.

The Lord be with you,

All: And also with you.

Prayers of Adoration and confession

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymn book

Welcome and Notices

Open The Book



Distribution of Flowers



***Hymn:** Fathers and mothers *Tune Buinessan R & S 45*

**1. Fathers and mothers,
sisters and brothers,
all those who love us,
for whom we care:
help and befriend them,
keep and defend them,
Jesus our Saviour,
this is our prayer.**

**2. And for those others,
fathers and mothers,
children who hunger,
they must be fed:
we would be caring,
readily sharing,
one with another,
our daily bread.**

**3. Sisters and brothers,
fathers and mothers,
we who together
offer our praise:
hear our thanksgiving,
God ever living,
may we walk with you
all of our days.**

Timothy Dudley Smith CCL 257120

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: I Timothy 1.12-14 N.T. p.185
Luke 15.1-10 N.T. p.66
This morning's reader is Janet Gray

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

***Hymn 503:** It is a thing most wonderful *Tune: Herongate R&S 493*
This morning we sing the hymn in 6 verses of 4 lines each verse

Sermon: Lost and Found *followed by Silent Reflection*
Sermon notes are available as you leave and on the church website

OUR RESPONSE

***Hymn:** God of Eve and God of Mary *Tune R and S 663: Love Divine*

**God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth.**

**As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.**

**Thank you that the Church, our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.**

**Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.**

**God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!** *Fred Kaan CCL 257120*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and 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 740:** Tell out my soul

***Dismissal and Blessing** with sung **Amen**

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after Morning Service

