



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 1st June 2025

## MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Heather McIntyre and The Revd Ian Green

*Organist: Edward Cross*

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All who love and follow our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion.  
Please stand, if you are able, for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (\*)

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

**\* Hymn: Creating God** *Tune Woodlands R&S 740*

*During which the bible is taken to the pulpit*

**Creating God, we bring our song of praise  
for life and work that celebrates your ways:  
the skill of hands, our living with the earth,  
the joy that comes from knowing our own worth.**

**Forgiving God, we bring our cries of pain  
for all that shames us in our search for gain:  
The hidden wounds, the angry scars of strife,  
the emptiness that saps and weakens life.**

**Redeeming God, we bring our trust in you,  
our fragile hope that all may be made new:  
our dreams of truth, of wealth that all may share,  
of work and service rooted deep in prayer.**

**Renewing God, we offer what shall be  
a world that lives and works in harmony:  
When peace and justice, once so long denied,  
restore to all their dignity and pride.**

*Jan Berry (b.1953) CCL 2571 20*

## 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: Rejoice in the Lord.

**All: And praise his holy name.**

Minister: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

## Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer followed by Welcome and Notices

### \* Hymn

**1 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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## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Readings:** Psalm 97 O.T.p.503

John 17.20-26 N.T. p.96

**Reader:** In this is the word of the Lord

**All:** **Thanks be to God** *This morning's reader is Beverley Underwood*

**Sermon:** That they may be one

*followed by silent reflection.*

**\* Hymn 566:** The Church's one foundation

**Prayers of Intercession** *using the prayer response*

**Leader:** God of all goodness

**All:** **Hear our prayer**

## **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 and 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 and Sharing of the bread and wine**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**All: Thank you, gracious God,  
that we have been guests at your table.  
As we have been fed by your gifts of life,  
so we will share with the world  
all that you give to us in love. Amen**

**\* Hymn 345: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah**

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

*Tea and Coffee are served in the church hall after the service*