



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 7th September 2025

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Heather McIntyre

Organist: Richard Brazier

Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you 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 Lord for the Years

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: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Opening Prayers of Praise, Confession and Lord's Prayer

followed by **Welcome and Notices**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Philemon N.T. p193

Luke 14.25-33 N.T. p66

This morning's reader is John Munro

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

***HYMN:** All my days

**I All my days I will sing this song of gladness
Give my praise to the Fountain of Delights
For in my helplessness You heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

**2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer
I will sing of the blood that never fails
Of sins forgiven of conscience cleansed
Of death defeated and life without end.**

Chorus:

**Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness
You're the Risen One, heaven's champion
And You reign, You reign over all**

**3. I long to be where the praises is never-ending
learn to dwell where the glory never fades.
Where countless worshippers will share one song
And cries of "worthy" will honour the Lamb**

Chorus

Stuart Townend CCL257120

Prayer before the sermon

Minister: Let the words of my mouth

All: And the meditations of all our hearts

Minister: Be acceptable in your sight

All: O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen

Sermon: Faith -it's never a Piggy Back

followed by Silent Reflection. Sermon notes are available as you leave and on the church website

***Hymn 268: Jesus is Lord**

Prayers of Intercession

Minister: God of all Goodness

All: **Hear our prayer**

*** Hymn 438: An Upper Room**

THE COMMUNION

***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**

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,**

Sung: 13 in heaven and earth are full of your glory.

hymn book Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution and Sharing of the bread and wine

Post Communion Prayer

**All Self-giving God,
With thanksgiving we have remembered
and celebrated your love in Jesus.
May your cross and resurrection
constantly speak into our lives and sustain our living.
So, sent out in the strength of the Spirit
may your generosity and kindness
become the reality of our lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***Hymn 509:** O Jesus I have promised

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

Morning Tea and Coffee is served in the church hall after the service