



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Christ the King Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Heather McIntyre

Organist: Hilary Davan Wetton

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Please stand, if you are able, for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (*)*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

*** Hymn 262:** Crown him with many crowns

During which the bible is taken to the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: O Lord you are our God

All: We bear witness to your majesty.

Minister: You created and hold the universe in place

All: And you made us for dignity and responsibility.

Minister: We have come to praise your holy name,

All: Yes, we praise your holy name!

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Opening Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer *back cover of hymn book*

Welcome and Notices

Hymn 552: The King of Love my Shepherd is

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6 O.T. p 650

Luke 23.32-43 N.T. p. 75

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God *This morning's reader is Gillian Munro*

***Hymn:** Jesus Christ is waiting

Tune: Noel Nouvelet R&S 243

**Jesus Christ is waiting,
Waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour,
All alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger,
Fit to wait on you**

**Jesus Christ is raging,
Raging in the streets,
Where injustice spirals
And real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes
Let me rage with you.**

**Jesus Christ is healing,
Healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer,
Touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too.
Let my care be active,
Healing just like you.**

**Jesus Christ is dancing,
Dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred
He, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard
Let me dance with you.**

**Jesus Christ is calling,
Calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus,
Let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me;
I will follow you.**

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Sermon: The Power that Kneels *followed by silent reflection*

OUR RESPONSE

*** Hymn:** O holy, heavenly kingdom

Tune: Cruger R&S 127

**1. O holy, heavenly kingdom
God's faithful long to see,
where peace and wholeness prosper
and every heart is free,
where justice flows like fountains
and praises never cease,
come make your home among us,
and give this world your peace.**

**2. Among us and around us,
yet veiled from mortal sight,
the vision of the prophets
and God's proclaimed delight;
where tears find consolation
and open wounds are healed
where hearts and minds are opened,
the kingdom is revealed.**

**3. O call us to your table,
invite us to the feast,
where Christ will bring together
the greatest and the least,
where grace will flow among us
like rich, abundant wine,
and those the world rejected
will feast in love divine.**

**4. By grace alone united,
we join the heavenly throng;
with countless saints and martyrs,
we sing the kingdom's song:
"O holy, holy, holy"
the universe resounds
with praise and adoration,
and endless grace abounds.**

Michael Forster 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)

We remain standing to sing

*** Hymn: 657: Rejoice the Lord is King**

Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen *All Standing*

Join us for Morning Tea and Coffee in the Alfred Ellis Hall