



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 20th July 2025

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson and The Revd Ian Green

Organist: Richard Brazier

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 292:** When morning gilds the skies

During which the bible is taken to the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: Together we gather,

All: Seeking God, we meet around word and sacrament.

Minister: We come with praise

All: And offer to God our prayers.

Minister: Clap your hands, all you people,

All: and praise God with shouts of joy.

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

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

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Introduction to The Theme: Hospitality

Readings: Genesis 18.1-10 O.T.p.12

Luke 10.38-42 N.T. p.61

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God *This morning's reader is Valerie Edis*

* **Hymn 635:** Put peace into each other's hands

Reception into Church Membership: *Mr Chris Ibberson*

Hymn: Father God I wonder: *chosen for us by Chris*

**Father God I wonder how I managed to exist
Without the knowledge of Your parenthood
And Your loving care.
But now I am Your child, I am adopted in Your family
And I can never be alone
'Cause Father God You're there beside me.**

**I will sing Your praises, I will sing Your praises,
I will sing Your praises, forevermore.
I will sing Your praises, I will sing Your praises,
I will sing Your praises, forevermore.** *Words and Music by Ian Smale CCL257120*

Sermon

followed by silent reflection. Sermon notes are available in the pillar pockets at the Sanctuary entrance

Prayers of Intercession

THE COMMUNION

* **Hymn 438:** An Upper room

***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,
Sung: 13 in God of power and might,
hymn book 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.**

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: We have a dream** *Tune: R&S 740 Woodlands*

**1. We have a dream: this nation will arise,
and truly live according to its creed,
that all are equal in their maker's eyes,
and none shall suffer through another's greed.**

**2. We have a dream that one day we shall see
a world of justice, truth and equity,
where sons of slaves and daughters of the free
will share the banquet of community.**

**3. We have a dream of deserts brought to flow'r
once made infertile by oppression's heat,
when love and truth shall end oppressive pow'r,
and streams of righteousness and justice meet.**

**4. We have a dream: our children shall be free
from judgements based on colour or on race;
free to become whatever they may be,
of their own choosing in the light of grace.**

**5. We have a dream that truth will overcome
the fear and anger of our present day;
that black and white will share a common home,
and hand in hand will walk the pilgrim way.**

**6. We have a dream: each valley will be raised,
and ev'ry mountain, ev'ry hill brought down;
then shall creation echo perfect praise,
and share God's glory under freedom's crown!**

Michael Forster CCL257120

*** Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

*Morning Coffee is served in the church hall after the service
followed by The July Church Meeting*