

# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

## Audio Service for 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Ascension Sunday

**Introductory Music:** *The AFC Amen Fugue*

### Responses

*led by Hauke Vogel who served as our Time for God Volunteer 2017/18*

Jesus calls us here to meet him  
**As, through word and song and prayer**  
We affirm God's promised presence  
**Where his people live and care.**

Praise the God who keeps his promise,  
**Praise the Son who calls us friends,**  
Praise the Spirit who, among us,  
**To our hopes and fears attends.**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

### Hymn: Crown Him with many crowns

*13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Graham Nash on the digital organ as the Pipe Organ was being repaired*

*Crown him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon the throne  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul and sing  
Of him, who die for thee,  
And hail him as thy chosen King  
Through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Son of God,  
Before the worlds began:  
And ye, who tread where he hath trod,  
Crown him the Son of Man;  
Who every grief hath known  
That wrings the human breast,  
And takes and bears them for his own,  
That all in him may rest.*



This week's flowers have been provided  
by  
Ann and Peter Clark – remembering  
*'Reg and Daphne Renshaw  
who gave us the plants  
as they did with many other church members'*

*Crown him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those he came to save:  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high;  
Who died eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.*

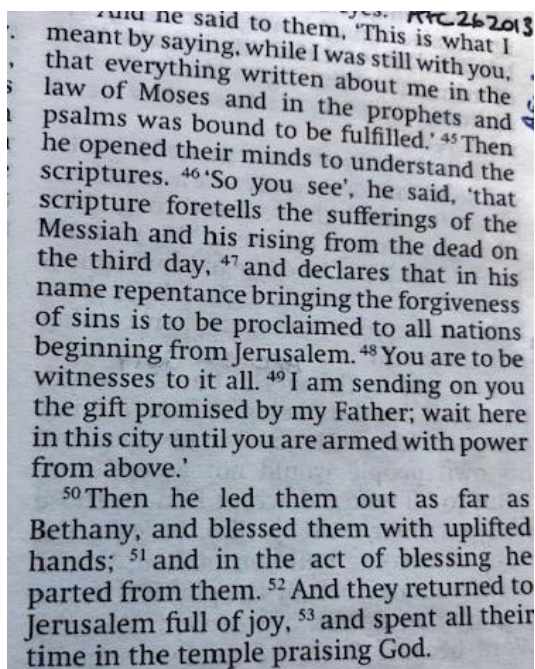
*Crown him, the Lord of Love!  
Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above  
In beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity. Amen.*

**Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:** *led by The Revd Erna Stevenson: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013*

**Psalm 47** *read by Matthew Green 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018*

**Antem:** *Holy, Holy, Holy 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy, God Almighty Lord*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy; everywhere adored*  
*He without beginning, He the eternal one*  
*Reigns and Rules forever all beneath the sun*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy, God Almighty Lord*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy, everywhere adored*  
*Power and love and wonder Circling around his throne*  
*Praise Him, Holy, Holy, Lord of Life alone!*

**Gospel: Luke 24.44-53** *read by Valerie Edis: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013*



...and he said to them, 'This is what I  
meant by saying, while I was still with you,  
that everything written about me in the  
law of Moses and in the prophets and  
psalms was bound to be fulfilled.'<sup>45</sup> Then  
he opened their minds to understand the  
scriptures. <sup>46</sup>'So you see', he said, 'that  
scripture foretells the sufferings of the  
Messiah and his rising from the dead on  
the third day, <sup>47</sup>and declares that in his  
name repentance bringing the forgiveness  
of sins is to be proclaimed to all nations  
beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are to be  
witnesses to it all. <sup>49</sup>I am sending on you  
the gift promised by my Father; wait here  
in this city until you are armed with power  
from above.'

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as  
Bethany, and blessed them with uplifted  
hands; <sup>51</sup>and in the act of blessing he  
parted from them. <sup>52</sup>And they returned to  
Jerusalem full of joy, <sup>53</sup>and spent all their  
time in the temple praising God.

**Hymn:** God is gone up on high 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013

*God is gone up on high,  
With a triumphant noise;  
The clarions of the sky  
Proclaim the angelic joys:  
Join all the earth, rejoice and sing  
Glory ascribe to glory's King.*

*God in the flesh below  
For us he reigns above;  
Let all the nations know  
Our Saviour's conquering love:  
Join all the earth, rejoice and sing  
Glory ascribe to glory's King.*

*All power to our great Lord  
Is by the Father given;  
By angel hosts adored,  
He reigns supreme in heaven:  
Join all the earth, rejoice and sing  
Glory ascribe to glory's King.*

*High on his holy seat  
He bears the righteous sway;  
His foes beneath his feet  
Shall sink and die away:  
Join all the earth, rejoice and sing  
Glory ascribe to glory's King.*

*Till all the earth, renewed  
In righteousness divine,  
With all the hosts of God  
In one great chorus join:  
Join all the earth, rejoice and sing  
Glory ascribe to glory's King.*

**Talk:** He Parted From Them

### **Reflective Music:**

God our creator Words: Stephen Smyth Tune: Highland Cathedral arranged by Matthew Green CCL257120

*God, our Creator, hear us sing in praise,  
God, always tender. God who knows our ways.  
God, always present, God who really cares.  
We offer thanks for all the love you share.*

*We sing in praise for the great gifts you give:  
all of creation, ev'rything that lives,  
glories of nature, our own time on earth,  
sending your Son among us proves our worth.*

**Loud is our praise as we sing of you,  
God of our lives, ancient and new.  
Bless us afresh with your grace, we pray.  
Grant us your strength today.**

*Gathered together, sisters-brothers all,  
baptised in Jesus, faithful to your call,  
we are one fam'ly. May your will be done  
and, for all people, may your Kingdom come.*

**Loud is our praise as we sing of you,  
God of our lives, ancient and new.  
Bless us afresh with your grace, we pray.  
Grant us your strength today.**

*'God who is love', you are our Father true;  
Jesus, our brother, fully human too;  
Spirit, your presence, with us ev'ry day;  
love is your essence, love our truest way.*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:** *led by Sara Autton*

**Hymn:** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus *13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Graham Nash on the digital organ*

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the sceptre, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion,  
Thunder like a mighty flood  
Jesus out of every nation  
Hath redeemed us by His blood.*

*Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise  
"I am with you evermore"?*

*Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.*



**Blessing** *offered by The Revd Erna Stevenson 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016*  
**Sung Amen and Organ Recessional**