

# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

## Audio Service for 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020 TRINITY 1

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

### **Call to Worship:**

*read by David Watson*

The earth, and all its diverse people, belong to God!  
Everything is yours: Giver of Life!  
We long for justice, for peace, for grace:  
Hear our prayer: Maker of Truth!

We seek your hope:  
Receive us now: Way of Wisdom

The Lord be with you

**Hymn:** We have a gospel to proclaim

1. We have a gospel to proclaim  
Good news for all throughout the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

2 Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall  
But in a stable dark and dim:  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

3. Tell of His death at Calvary,  
Hated by those He came to save;  
In lonely suffering on the cross  
For all He loved His life He gave.

4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share His victory.

5. Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified;  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.



This week's flowers  
have been provided by  
Michael Autton

6. Now we rejoice to name Him King:

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

This gospel message we proclaim:

We sing His glory, tell His worth.

*Rev. Edward Burns (b.1938) CCL257120*

**Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:** *led by The Revd Erna Stevenson:*

**Psalm 100:** *read by David Watson*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Thanks be to God

**Hymn:** Come People of the Risen King

*Come people of the risen King,*

*Who delight to sing him praise;*

*Come all and tune your hearts to sing*

*To the Morning Star of grace.*

*From the shifting shadows of the earth*

*We lift our eyes to Him,*

*Where steady arms or mercy react*

*To gather children in.*

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!*

*One heart; one voice: O Church of Christ rejoice!*

*Come, those whose joy is morning sun,*

*And those weeping through the night;*

*Come, those who tell of battles won,*

*And those struggling in the fight.*

*For his perfect love will never change,*

*And his mercies never cease,*

*But follow us through all our days,*

*With the certain hope of peace.*

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!*

*One heart; one voice: O Church of Christ rejoice!*

*Come, young and old from every land -  
Men and women of the faith;  
come, those with full or empty hands -  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing -  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age:  
“Our God is all in all”!*

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart; one voice: O Church of Christ rejoice!*

### **News from Mozambique:**

*We hear a greeting from our BMS Link Missionaries; Liz and Sergio Vilela*



### **Gospel:** Matthew 9.35-10.8

*read by Sara Autton*

### **Hymn:** Father, hear the prayer we offer

*Father, hear the prayer we offer;  
Not for ease that prayer shall be,  
But for strength that we may ever  
Live our lives courageously.*

*Not for ever in green pastures  
Do we ask our way to be;  
But the steep and rugged pathway  
May we tread rejoicingly.*

*Not for ever by still waters  
Would we idly rest and stay;  
But would smite the living fountains  
From the rocks along our way.*

*Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
In our wanderings be our guide;  
Through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father be thou at our side.*

**Talk:** The Authority to Love



**Reflective Music:** Christ has no body

*This morning we listen to this anthem composed by David Ogden based on words by Teresa of Avila, sung by our choir at Ian's Induction in November 2012*

*Christ has no body now but yours  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours  
Yours are the eyes with which He sees  
Yours are the feet with which He walks  
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world  
Yours are the hands.*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

*using the prayer response O Lord listen to my Prayer by Margaret Rizza*

**Hymn:** Forth in the peace of Christ

*Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds. Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.*

*Kind of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
Kingship with him his servants gain;  
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.*

*Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth,  
This world of time to consecrate,  
Our world of sin by grace to heal.  
Christ's world in Christ to recreate.*

*Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word:  
He claims our minds, to search his ways,  
He claims our lies, to speak his truth,  
He claims our hearts, to sing his praise.*

*We are his Church, he makes us one:  
Here is one hearth for all to find,  
Here is one flock, one Shepherd-King,  
Here is one faith, one heart, one mind.*



**Blessing** offered by The Revd Erna Stevenson

**Sung Amen and Recessional**