

AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

AUDIO SERVICE

Sunday 30th August 2020
Led by our Ministers



AFC Fugue and Welcome

Opening Responses *from Iona*

Come among us, Jesus
you whom the angels worship
and children welcome

Come Jesus, and meet us here.

Come among us, Jesus
you who hurled the stars into space
and shaped the spider's weaving

Come Jesus, and meet us here.

Come among us, Jesus
you who walked the long road to Jerusalem
and lit a flame that dances forever

Come Jesus, and meet us here.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hymn: O Worship the King *from the AFC Archives*

**O worship the King all glorious above
O gratefully sing his power and his love
Our shield and defender the ancient of days
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, o sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm**

**The earth with its store of treasures untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea,**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!**

**O measureless might, ineffable love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
The humbler creation shall struggle to raise
With true adoration their songs to thy praise.**

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

First Reading: Romans 12.9-21 *read by Sara Autton*

All Age Talk: Walk This Way



Second Reading: Matthew 16.21-28 *read by Michael Autton*

Church Life Focus

Choir Anthem: Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer. (W.A.Mozart)

Jesu Lamb of God, Redeemer
Born the Virgin Mary's Son
Who upon the cross a victim
Hast man's salvation won.
From whose side, which man had pierced,
Flowed the water and the Blood,
By thy sacred body broken be,
In life and death, our food

Sermon: A Couple of Misunderstandings



Hymn: We will meet when the danger is over

**We will meet when the danger is over,
we will meet when the sad days are done;
we will meet sitting closely together
and be glad our tomorrow has come.**

**We will join to give thanks and sing gladly,
we will join to break bread and share wine;
and the peace that we pass to each other
will more than a casual sign.**

**So let's make with each other a promise
that when we've all come through is behind,
we will share what we missed and find meaning
in the things that once troubled our mind.**

**Until then may we always discover
faith and love to determine our way.
That's our hope and God's will and our calling
for our lives and for every new day.**

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Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication *led by Margaret Howard*

Hymn: Faith overcomes

from the Big Sing Choir of The Jubilate Group – recording made available for churches to use during The Pandemic

**1 Faith overcomes! The light of Christ is shining,
piercing the doubt and darkness of our world,
walking in trust, we find the way inclining
to follow in the footsteps of our Lord.**

**2 Faith overcomes! The truth of God unfolding
Wisdom and Word, in cosmic time and space,
dwells in a single life for our beholding:
eternal glory in a human face.**

**3 Faith overcomes! In Jesus God is teaching,
healing, forgiving, loving to the end,
to all who know him not, his arms outreaching
from Calv'ry's cross, our Shepherd and our Friend.**

**4 Faith overcomes! The life of Christ abundant,
spent and exhausted in the hour of death,
bursts from the tomb in mystery triumphant,
makes us alive through his own Spirit's breath.**

**5 Faith overcomes! Christ's witnesses have spoken:
we have not seen, yet now we dare believe
in him is freedom, peace and joy unbroken,
a gift to share with all who will receive.**

**6 Faith overcomes! In Jesus' love abiding,
we yield ourselves to follow his commands,
willing to suffer for his name, confiding
our needs and hopes and fears into his hands.**

Christopher M Jones (1954-2012)

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Blessing

Organ Recessional