

JESUS, REDEEMER, YOU SET US FREE

*a hymn marking the centenary of the Diocese of Chelmsford
1914 – 2014*

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This centenary hymn celebrates the freedom we enjoy as Christians, free to enjoy together the glorious liberty of the children of God. For centuries, emperors, popes and monarchs and their hierarchies controlled the lives of those they governed. In a more democratic age we are rediscovering the freedom to learn and think for ourselves, to make our own contribution to society. The hundred years since the diocese was founded have witnessed great changes in personal, social, economic and political freedoms: education, advances in medicine from the pill to the NHS, electricity, new technologies, communications and modern travel have changed all our lives. Not all our freedoms have been used wisely or responsibly for the common good, but we are free to love our neighbours and care for those who need our help – free to live the new life that Jesus our redeemer invites us to share.

This huge diocese is well placed to reflect some of the infinite variety of the Lord's creation. We come from many countries and cultures, with differing backgrounds, traditions, experience and skills. The church is not a gathering of the like-minded. We differ, and once we are able to enjoy our differences and work together for the common good we are on the way to recover the community spirit that enables us to enjoy together 'the glorious liberty of the children of God.' Even singing together helps.

This hymn may be downloaded for free from the cathedral website (www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk) and copies made for local use.

Patrick Appleford, October 2013

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The musical score is written for Organ and People & Choir. It begins with a 4-measure introduction for the Organ, featuring triplet chords. The choir enters at measure 5 with the lyrics 'Je - sus, re-deem-er you set us free:'. The score continues with four verses of lyrics, each with a corresponding organ accompaniment. Verse 4 includes a descant. The organ part features various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings like *ff* and *mf*. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re-deem-er you set us free:'.
4 Descant (verse 4)
mf Gladly 4. Sing of our God's lov-ing kind - ness to the hu - man race;
1. Free to love God and our neigh - bour, From our fail - ings and fears set free;
8 Fa - ther, Re - deem - er and Spi - rit hold us in love's em - brace.
Free to be led by the Spi - rit to be - come what we could be;
12 Help us re - flect_ your kind - ness In all that we say and do,
Free to ac - cept for - give - ness, And shar - ing the Fath - er's love;
16 Glad to en - joy_ to - geth - er The glo - ri - ous li - ber - ty of the chil - dren of God.
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The hymn may be sung in harmony or in unison throughout and there is an optional descant for the fourth verse.

21 *mf*

2. Spi - rit of God, in - spire us, Kin - dle love in our hearts we pray:
3. Give us the grace to be help - ful To our neigh - bours who are not free:

25

Lead us to new un - der - stand - ing Of your will for us to - day.
Locked in by ill - ness or hard - ship E - ven jailed by pow - ers that be.

29

Free us to be cre - a - tive, And seek - ing the com - mon good,
All of us need re - deem - ing To live the new life of love:

33

learn
Free { to en - joy to - ge - ther the glo - ri - ous li - ber - ty of the chil - dren of God.

2)
Spirit of Jesus inspire us,
Kindle love in our hearts we pray:
Lead us to new understanding
Of your will for us today.
Free us to be creative,
And seeking the common good,
Learn to enjoy together
The glorious liberty of the children of God.

4)
Jesus, redeemer, you set us free!
Sing of our God's loving-kindness,
Liberating the human race;
Father, Redeemer and Spirit
Hold us all in love's embrace.
Help us reflect your kindness
In all that we say or do,
Glad to enjoy together
The glorious liberty of the children of God.

3)
Give us the grace to be helpful
To our neighbours who are not free:
Locked in by illness or hardship
Even jailed by pow'rs that be.
All of us need redeeming
To live the new life of love:
Free to enjoy together
The glorious liberty of the children of God.

Additional last verse for 2014 centenary:

5)
Jesus, redeemer, you set us free!
Great is the mix of our neighbours
Who in this diocese now live,
Free to love God and each other
In the service that we give.
Sing of the century's blessings,
Of love that has set us free:
Free to enjoy together
The glorious liberty of the children of God.

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Organ People & Choir

ff

First & last verses only Je - sus, re-deem-er you set us free:

5 *mf* Gladly

10

16

Jesus, redeemer, you set us free!
 Free to love God and our neighbour,
 From our failings and fears set free,
 Free to be led by the Spirit
 To become what we could be.
 Free to accept forgiveness.
 And sharing the Father's love,
 Free to enjoy together,
 The glorious liberty of the children of God.

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