



## **St Edmund's Taverham with St Peter's Ringland**

**Sunday 28th June 2020.**

As people gather for our live stream please join in with this song if you'd like to.  
(Words by John L Bell and Graham Maule )

The love of God comes close, where stands an open door  
To let the stranger in, to mingle rich and poor  
The love of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the way

The peace of God comes close, to those caught in the storm  
Forgoing lives of ease, to ease the lives forlorn  
The peace of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the way

The joy of God comes close, where faith encounters fears  
Where heights and depths of life are found through smiles and tears  
The joy of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the way

The grace of God comes close, to those whose grace is spent  
When hearts are tired or sore and hope is bruised or bent  
The grace of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the way

The Son of God comes close, where people praise His name  
Where bread and wine are blest and shared as when He came  
The Son of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the way.

Welcome to our worship today Whether you join us by using this email to help you in your worship or whether you join us via the live stream it's good to be connected!

How has your week been? What are you thankful for? What have been your concerns this week? As we come to worship let's remind ourselves that God has been with us and is with us now, in all the changes and chances of our lives.

**As we begin our worship let us pray.**

Let the whole earth be joyful in you, O God.

We greet you with gladness, and celebrate your presence with joy.

We know that you are continually re-creating us.

You are alive in us and we belong to you.

We enter your gates, a motley procession,  
but we enter with heartfelt thanksgiving.

You are gracious and your embraces compassionate,  
faithful through all generations. (The Moravian Church).



**We sing together.**

*(word by Marty Haugen)*

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place*

Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet  
Here the love of God, through Jesus is revealed in time and space  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word they've known  
Here the outcast and the stranger, bear the image of God's face

Let us bring an end to fear and danger

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter

Our reading today is from **Matthew 10:40-42**  
New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised (NRSVA)

Rewards

40 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me  
welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name  
of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a  
righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the  
righteous; 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little  
ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their  
reward.'

You may like to spend some time reflecting on this passage of scripture. What  
might God be saying to you through it? What does it show you about God  
or yourself? Is there a call to act on something? Does it raise any questions for  
you?

You may like to read Rev Paul's thoughts in the St Eds newsheet or the St Peter's  
website.

**Let us pray.**

God our Saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Endlessly self-giving God,  
we pray for your grace  
and for your holy transformation  
as we ponder the condition of our hearts:  
when they are cold and stony, warm and soften them;  
when they are skewed by prejudice, straighten them;  
when they are too easily contented, challenge them;  
when fear freezes them, locking out love, thaw and reassure them;

when they are anxious and unsure of your presence, enter them.  
So may the condition of our hearts mirror yours  
and all hostility be turned to hospitality.  
Amen

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **We sing together**

*(words by Graham Kendrick)*

Give me strength when I'm weary, O my Lord  
Lift me up when I fall, O my Lord  
Light a fire in my bones that an ocean cannot drown  
Give me hope, give me strength until my work is done

Oh, Jesus, be my vision  
Oh, the passion and the fire in my soul  
We'll keep the banner flying high  
The banner flying high

In the valley of shadow, O my Lord  
You will walk by our side, O my Lord  
If we love not our lives rather die than to deny  
There'll be crowns, there'll be glory when the morning comes  
Those who wait on You patiently, O my Lord  
Those who trust in Your word, O my Lord  
They will soar, they will glide like an eagle in the sky  
They will walk, not be weary 'til the work is done

For His glory, standing shoulder to shoulder  
Proud to bear His holy name  
Sound the victory: our God is among us now!

Lord, help me to live this day quietly, easily.  
To lean upon your strength, trustfully, restfully.  
To await your will, patiently, serenely.  
To meet others, peacefully, joyously.  
To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.  
Amen .