



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

**Worship for Bible Sunday  
25th October 2020**

**Our gathering song.** (Oceans [where feet may fail] written by Matt Crocker, Joel Houston and Salomon Ligthelm)

### **You call me out upon the waters**

The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find you in the mystery  
In oceans deep, my faith will stand

*And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine*

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the water  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Saviour

Welcome to our worship. Today is Bible Sunday, a time for us to give thanks for the scriptures which we hold so dear, a time to pray for those who work tirelessly to bring the bible to those who don't have access to it, and to ask the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom as we read.

We are called to love the Lord our God  
**We are called to love with all our heart and soul**

We are called to love the Lord our God

**We are called to love with all our mind and strength**

We are called to love the Lord our God

**And we are called to love our neighbour as ourselves.**

Come, let us love our God

and share God's love in this time of worship!

~ written by Rev. Mindi and posted on **Rev-o-lution**. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

**Song** Here I am to worship - written by Tim Hughes

### **Light of the World**

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

*So here I am to worship*

*Here I am to bow down*

*Here I am to say that You're my God*

*You're altogether lovely*

*Altogether worthy*

*Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days

Oh so highly exalted,

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came to the Earth You created

All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

What does the bible mean to you? What questions might you have about it? Does it make a difference to your life?

Here are some words of Jesus from the **gospel of Matthew, chapter 24 : 30-35**

**30** Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky; and all the peoples of earth will weep as they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. **31** The great trumpet will sound, and he will send out his angels to the four corners of the earth, and they will gather his chosen people from one end of the world to the other.

**32** “Let the fig tree teach you a lesson. When its branches become green and tender and it starts putting out leaves, you know that summer is near. **33** In the same way, when you see all these things, you will know that the time is near, ready to begin. **34** Remember that all these things will happen before the people now living have all died. **35** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

As you continue to ponder on what the bible means to you, you may like to reflect on the final words of Jesus in this passage, “heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pas away.”

You may like to read Rev Paul’s thoughts in the St Ed’s newsheet or on the St Peter’s webpage.

### **Let us pray.**

Holy God, before time you named us  
Through time you redeem us  
You call us, precious in your sight  
**May we love as you love.**

Holy One, through the turbulent waters  
Make us steady, your hands  
Holding strong the fragile and weak  
**May we love as you love.**

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives  
be food for the hungry, bread  
clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word  
**May we love as you love.**

God of justice, remove the chaff  
Of our lives that keep us from  
Hearing, following, Your call  
**May we love as you love.**

Loving God, take this day our fears our  
Worries, distractions, and all  
Turn them into wheat, heart food  
**May we love as you love. Amen**

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Song** written by Dave Bilborough

**An army of ordinary people**

A kingdom where love is the key  
A city, a light to the nations  
Heirs to the promise are we  
A people whose life is in Jesus  
A nation together we stand  
Only through grace are we worthy  
Inheritors of the land

*A new day is dawning  
A new age to come  
When the children of promise  
Shall flow together as one  
A truth long neglected  
But the time has now come  
When the children of promise  
Shall flow together as one*

A people without recognition  
But with Him a destiny sealed  
Called to a heavenly vision  
His purpose shall be fulfilled  
Come, let us stand strong together  
Abandon ourselves to the King  
His love shall be ours forever  
This victory song we shall sing

The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful  
for anything but love.  
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.  
Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.  
May your hands be so blessed  
that everything you touch is a sacrament.  
Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.  
May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you.  
And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire,  
that your love, *your* love, changes everything.  
And may the blessing of the God who created you, loves you,  
and sustains you, be with you now and always.

(From The Black Rock Prayer Book)