



St Edmund's Taverham with St Peter's Ringland

Worship for Sunday 28th February

Second Sunday of Lent

Our gathering song

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!

It soothes their sorrows, heals their wounds, and drives away their fear
It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest
And to the weary, rest

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place
My never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace!
Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest and King
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring
Accept the praise I bring

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought
But when I see you as you are, I'll praise you as I ought
'Til then I would your love proclaim with every fleeting breath
And may the music of your Name refresh my soul in death
Refresh my soul in death!

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes their sorrows, heals their wounds, and drives away their fear
And drives away their fear
(John Newton)

Welcome

We worship this morning in different places.

O God, do not be far from us.

We worship this morning for different reasons.

O God, do not be far from us.

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

O God, do not be far from us.

We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

O God, do not be far from us.

"Deny yourselves."

O God, do not be far from us.

"Take up your cross."

O God, do not be far from us.

"Follow me."

**O God,
we thank you for drawing near to us
in the places where we are,
and in our lives.
Amen.**

Jesus, what a beautiful name

Son of God, son of man, Lamb that was slain
Joy and peace, strength and hope
Grace that blows all fear away
Jesus, what a beautiful name

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Truth revealed, my future sealed, healed my pain
Love and freedom, life and warmth
Grace that blows all fear away
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Rescued my soul, my stronghold, lifts me from shame
Forgiveness, security, power and love
Grace that blows all fear away
Jesus, what a beautiful name

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Praise for Your love, in Heaven above, passion aflame
Beauty, tenderness, life in Your light
Grace that blows all fear away
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(Verses 1-3 Hillsong. Verse 4 Nick Moore)

A time to give thanks...

A time to ask for forgiveness

Jesus calls us to deny ourselves.
**Yet we trust in our own works
rather than in God's grace.**

Jesus calls each of us to take up our cross.

**Yet rather than allow our selfishness and sin to be put to death,
we cling to what we know.**

Jesus calls us to follow him.

**Yet we fear where faith will lead
and what it might change in our lives.**

In this moment of silence,
we confess the sin that separates us
from one another and from God.

Silence for reflection & self-examination

Words of Assurance

People of God, hear this good news.

God's covenant with us is true.

God is faithful even when we fail.

Through the Holy Spirit,

God gives us the gift of faith and makes us righteous.

Believe in the good news

that you are set free to live as children of God.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

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A reading from Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am the Almighty God. Obey me and always do what is right. **2** I will make my covenant with you and give you many descendants." **3** Abram bowed down with his face touching the ground, and God said, **4** "I make this covenant with you: I promise that you will be the ancestor of many nations. **5** Your name will no longer be Abram, but Abraham, because I am making you the ancestor of many nations. **6** I will give you many descendants, and some of them will be kings. You will have so many descendants that they will become nations.

7 "I will keep my promise to you and to your descendants in future generations as an everlasting covenant. I will be your God and the God of your descendants.

15 God said to Abraham, "You must no longer call your wife Sarai; from now on her name is Sarah. **16** I will bless her, and I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she will become the mother of nations, and there will be kings among her descendants."

Our Gospel reading is written in the gospel of Mark chapter 8 verses 31-38

31 Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. He will be put to death, but three days later he will rise to life." **32** He made this very clear to them. So Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33** But Jesus turned around, looked at his disciples, and rebuked Peter. "Get away from me, Satan," he said. "Your thoughts don't come from God but from human nature!"

34 Then Jesus called the crowd and his disciples to him. "If any of you want to come with me," he told them, "you must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me. **35** For if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for me and for the gospel, you will save it.

36 Do you gain anything if you win the whole world but lose your life? Of course not! **37** There is nothing you can give to regain your life. **38** If you are ashamed of me and of my teaching in this godless and wicked day, then the Son of Man will be ashamed of you when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Take, O take me as I am
Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart
And set me free

Show me how to be at peace
Let me be all I can be
Guide my way along the path
And walk with me

Watch, O watch me as I grow
Give me sight so I can see
Grant me strength to fight the foe
And stand with me

Give me wisdom to perceive
How to use you as the key
Teach me so I may believe
Unlock the door for me

Help me flourish every day
Set my troubled mind at ease
Nourish hearts and souls I pray
I'll feel your peace

So take, O take me as I am
Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart
And live in me

(Verse 1 John Bell and Graham Maule. Other verses Nick Moore)

Let us pray

Holy Spirit, when I feel alone, I am comforted because You pray with me. When I am silenced by suffering, I am grateful that You pray through me. And Jesus, when I feel helpless, I am strengthened because You're with the Father, right now, praying for me. (Romans 8:26,27,34)
(Lectio365)

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought in the day and the night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true child
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight
Be Thou my armour, and be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my high tower
Raise Thou me Heavenward, O power of my power

Riches I heed not, nor all the world's praise
Thou mine inheritance, through all my ways
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven, when the battle is done
Grant Heaven's joy to me, bright Heaven's sun
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall
Be thou my vision, O Ruler of all
(translated by Mary E Byrne)

Our prayer of blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God Almighty...

When I fear my faith will fail

Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last
(Keith and Kristin Getty)