



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

**Worship for 7th February
2021**

Second Sunday before Lent

We meet in the Name of Jesus Christ as we come to worship today. We meet in his love, the one through whom all things exist. We meet, united by the Spirit, in the presence of our loving Heavenly Father. We meet in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The peace of the Lord be with us all.

Our gathering song (What a beautiful name – written by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood)

You were the Word at the beginning

One With God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You Our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God you reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

Let us sing....

Praise be to God!

Who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

Praise be to God!

Who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.

Praise be to God!

Who continues to dance through our lives even now.

Let all that have breath sing praise to God.

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Song (written by Darlene Zschech)

My Jesus, my Saviour

Lord, there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

Our scripture reading this week is written in the gospel of John chapter 1 verses 1-14

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. **9** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **12** But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

These beautiful words speak of both the mystery and reality of the presence of Christ in our world. What, if anything, is stirred within you as you read these words? You may like to read this week's thought in the St Ed's newsheet or on the St Peter's webpage.

We Believe

(inspired by John 1:1-5)

Jesus Christ, brother of Light,
We believe.

We believe
that in the beginning was the Promise
and the Promise was with God
and the Promise was God.

We believe
in the infinite, nurturing creativity of God,
in the incarnate, crucified humility of God,
in the intimate, inspiring liberality of God.
Jesus Christ, brother of Light, We believe. Amen.

— written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's Homepage.**

<http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

We pray together the prayer that Jesus gave us

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy Kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Song (words by Carl Gustaf Boberg translated from the Russian by Stuart Wesley Keene Hine)

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds Thy hand hath made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, My God, how great You are!

Our closing prayer based on Ephesians 3: 17-20

As you go into the coming week,
may your roots go down deep
into the soil of God's marvellous love.

And may you come to know
how wide,
how long,
how high,
and how deep
God's love for you really is.

All glory to God,
who is able to accomplish infinitely more
than we would ever dare to ask or imagine!

May the blessing of God, Creator, Living Word and Sustainer of life bless us and
keep us and all whom we pray for today and always. Amen.

Song (He will hold me fast written by Ada R. Habershon, Matt Merker)

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