



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

**Worship for 18<sup>th</sup> April**

### **The third Sunday of Easter**

We are continuing our journey through Easter, looking at the experiences of the disciples as they meet the risen Jesus. Yet again we hear the wonderful words of Jesus, 'Peace be with you.' As we worship today we pray that we may hear Jesus speak those words to us and we pray for each other, that we may know and share the peace that Jesus brings.

*Grant me, dearest Lord, to know you, and love you and rejoice in you...  
Let the love of you grow every day more and more in me, that my joy may be full in you. Amen.*

*(Augustine of Hippo)*

### **Our gathering song**

#### **Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us**

You are one with us, Mary's Son  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin  
Pouring Your love and goodness in  
Jesus our love for You we sing  
Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us  
Born as one of us, Mary's Son  
Led out to die on Calvary  
Risen from death to set us free  
Living Lord Jesus help us see  
You are Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to You  
Live my life for You, Son of God  
All Your commands I know are true  
Your many gifts will make me new  
Into my life Your power breaks through  
Living Lord

*(Patrick Appleford)*

May the God of mornings be with you!

**May the God of evenings be with you!**

See what love God has for us, as we open our hearts to Easter's joy.

**Our hearts overflow with peace and grace.**

Let us sing praises to God, Children of Easter.

**We join our voices in songs of gladness and wonder**

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Miraculous God,  
come to us now,  
even as your Son came  
to those first disciples  
on the shores of Galilee.  
Speak your peace to our hearts.  
Touch us with your Holy Spirit.  
Reveal your word,  
that we may hear your message this day,  
and live as your disciples  
in the days and years to come.  
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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### **Wonderful Merciful Saviour**

Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
Rescue the souls of all  
Oh You rescue the souls of all

Counsellor, Comforter, Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost the way  
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

*You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace our  
Hearts always hunger for  
Oh our hearts always hunger for*

Almighty infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh we're falling before Your throne  
(Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse)

Time to give thanks

Time to offer our confession

**God of empty tombs: Peter speaks with power and clarity of his faith, while we remain silent. The psalmist speaks of trusting in you, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace, but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked.**

**God of full hearts: your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into Easter people, through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Saviour.**

*Silence is kept*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

What marvellous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers - to us! We really are God's people - that is exactly who we are!

**We are God's children - those whose lives have been changed by the One who loves us and forgives us. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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Our scripture reading this week is written in the **gospel of Luke beginning at chapter 24 verse 36b to 48**

As we hear our scripture reading this morning can you imagine yourselves in the scene. What can you see, hear, smell and taste? What invitation does Jesus offer you as you listen to his words? How might you respond?

### **Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

**36** While the two were telling them this, suddenly the Lord himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

**37** They were terrified, thinking that they were seeing a ghost. **38** But he said to them, "Why are you alarmed? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds?"

**39** Look at my hands and my feet, and see that it is I myself. Feel me, and you will know, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see I have."

**40** He said this and showed them his hands and his feet. **41** They still could not believe, they were so full of joy and wonder; so he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" **42** They gave him a piece of cooked fish, **43** which he took and ate in their presence.

**44** Then he said to them, “These are the very things I told you about while I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms had to come true.”

**45** Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, **46** and said to them, “This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later, **47** and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things.

You may like to read the thought in this week's St Ed's newssheet or on St Peter's website.

### **Majesty, worship his majesty**

Unto Jesus be all glory, honour and praise  
Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne  
Unto his own his anthem raise

*So exalt lift up on high the name of Jesus  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King  
Majesty, worship his majesty  
Jesus who died now glorified  
King of all kings*

Majesty, we honour your majesty  
Loving Jesus, be with us, all of our days  
Majesty, your power and sovereignty, your kingdom home  
Make us your own, your banner we'll raise  
(Jack Hayford verse 2 Nick Moore)

### **Let us pray**

**Risen Christ,**  
you filled your disciples  
with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim  
your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

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.

**O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer**

Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Saviour of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered, bled and died  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name  
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(Nathan Stiff)

Go now, to be God's children in the world.

**We will open our minds to understand the needs around us.**

Go now, to be Christ's servants in the world.

**We will open our hands to share our blessings with all.**

Go now, to be the Spirit's hope for the world.

**We will open our hearts to welcome those who have no one to care for them.**

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**Father teach us, lead and guide us**

The strength of your word will see us through  
Come Holy Spirit, inspire from within  
And forevermore we'll follow You

*So bless everyone Lord, O bless us all  
The strong and the weak, with their backs to the wall  
Bless us O Lord, O bless us all  
The high and the mighty and those who might fall  
Bless you all*

May you always feel His peace in your heart  
May you know He's watching over you  
May you always have His wind in your sails  
And follow His chosen course true

Take our hands and guide us now  
Show us the best of our ways  
Shine your light on the dark in our lives  
We'll be Yours till the end of our days

If it seems like the worst and darkest of times  
Feeling empty and aching inside  
If you think every day, nothing fits, nothing rhymes  
Just remember, He's right there beside

*So bless everyone Lord, O bless us all  
In houses or hovels or no homes at all  
Bless us O Lord, O bless us all  
The rich and the poor, those with nothing at all  
Bless you all*

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