



St Edmund's Taverham with St Peter's Ringland

Worship for Sunday 20th June

Third Sunday after Trinity

Our gathering song

May the words of my mouth, and the thoughts of my heart

Bless Your name, bless Your name, Jesus
And the deeds of the day, and the truth in my way
Speak of You, speak of You, Jesus

*For this is what I'm glad to do
It's time to live a life of love that pleases You
And I will give my all to You
Surrender ev'rything I have and follow You
I'll follow You*

Lord, will You be my vision, Lord, will You be my Guide?
Be my hope, be my life, and the way
And I'll look not for riches, nor praises on earth
Only You'll be the first of my heart

I will follow, I will follow You
(based on Psalm 19:14 - written by Rob Hill, Tim Hughes)

Call to Worship

Gather us together, O God,
Bind us together in Your love.
No matter where we are, online or here,
We are Your body, O Christ.
The same Spirit that stirred the water of creation,
Stirs in our hearts and calls us to justice.
Guide us, O Holy One, in this time of worship:
Remind us that we are one in Christ Jesus.

A time of thanksgiving

I have heard so many songs

Listened to a thousand tongues
But there is one that sounds above them all
The Father's song, the Father's love
You sung it over me
And for eternity it's written on my heart

*Heaven's perfect melody
The Creator's symphony
You are singing over me
The Father's song
Heaven's perfect mystery
The King of love has sent for me
And now you're singing over me
The Father's song*
(The Father's song - written by Matt Redman)

Our scripture reading is written in the gospel according to Mark, beginning at chapter 4 verse 35.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

This passage of scripture has some big questions in it asked by Jesus and asked by the disciples. All these questions are really important ones. You may like to reflect on all these questions during the coming week and see what you might discover.

Hide me now

Under your wings
Cover me
Within your mighty hand

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar
I will soar with You above the storm
Father You are King over the flood
I will be still and know You are God*

Find rest, my soul
In Christ alone
Know his power
In quietness and trust

I will be still and know You are God
Let us pray
(written by Morgan Reuben Timothy)

Prayer of Confession

(based on Mark 4:35-41)

Merciful God,
when lashed by life's windstorms
we often lash out in return.
Forgive us
when we blame you or others
for our troubles.
Teach us to find you
in the eye of the storm.
Show us the calm centre
that comes from a word of peace.

Words of Assurance

(inspired by 2 Corinthians 6:1-2)

Hear the witness of scripture:
God listens; God helps. Now is the day of salvation.
Open wide your hearts and receive God's forgiveness.
Amen.

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Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea;
Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith;
Ever-present God, who fills us with awe
but also raises many questions
without easy answers;
Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today,
Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead,
This we pray, In Jesus 'name. Amen.

— posted on the **Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren**
website. <http://rockhay.tripod.com/>

Keeper of our lives,
you know the hardness and gentleness of human hearts.
You call your people to faithful living.
Through the storms of life
that bring suffering and fear, joy and laughter,
teach us to turn to you for all we need,
so that we may come to know your presence
even in the midst of the trials that surround us. Amen.

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Our Father who art in heaven

We believe in God, creator of the universe, dwelling forever beyond time and space.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who came to live among us and let us see what God is like.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, sent from God through Jesus, to be our guide.

Therefore we believe in love, in hope, compassion, joy and faith, and forgiveness and eternal life. Amen.

(Frances Somerville)

Oh I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like

But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

*You're a good, good father, it's who You are
It's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by you, it's who I am
It's who I am, it's who I am*

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide
Because You know just what we need before we say a word

Oh you're perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

(Good Good Father - written by Pat Barrett and Tony Brown)

**Father in Heaven,
mould us into Christlikeness;
and stir up in us
the fire of Your Love.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Father,
renew our friendship in You;
and help us to serve You
with a quiet mind
and a burning spirit.**

**Holy Spirit,
fill us with Your power;
and help us to tell of the love
and salvation in Jesus of Nazareth.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
please keep us
in the joy, simplicity,
and compassion
of the Good News of your Kingdom.
(Archbishop Sentamu former Archbishop of York)

And may your blessing be upon us and all for whom we pray today and always.
Amen.

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*
(Written by Nick Moore)