



**St Edmund's Taverham with
St Peter's Ringland
Worship for Sunday 18th July 2021**

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Jesus, teacher, healer, freedom bringer, our hope and our life, as we worship you today we praise you. You know how much we need you. In this time of worship may we hear your voice, sing your praise, and love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. In your Name we pray. Amen.

Our gathering song

How do you explain, how do you describe

A love that goes from East to West
And runs as deep as it is wide?

You know all our hopes, Lord you know all our fears
And words cannot express the love we feel
But we long for You to hear

*So listen to our hearts, hear our spirits sing
A song of praise that flows
From those You have redeemed
And we will use the words we know
To tell You what an awesome God You are
But when words are not enough
To tell You of our love, just listen to our hearts*

If words could fall like rain
From these lips of mine
And if I had a thousand years
I would still run out of time

So if You listen to my heart
Every beat would say
Thank You for the life, thank You for the truth
Thank You for the way

(Steven Curtis Chapman, Geoff Moore)

Opening Prayer

(based on Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18)

Holy God,

your faithful love toward us never ends!

It is as sure and dependable as the sky over our heads.

We praise You!

As we worship we offer you our worship and our thanksgiving;

we declare that You are our God, and we are Your people.

We praise You!

May Your Spirit be at work among us as we worship,
opening our eyes to the light of Your presence in this place.

To You alone,

Faithful Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,

be all glory and honour,

now and forever.

Amen.

Holy Spirit living Breath of God

Breathe new life into my willing soul

Let the presence of the risen Lord

Come renew my heart and make me whole

Cause Your word to come alive in me

Give me faith for what I cannot see

Give me passion for Your purity

Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within

May Your joy be seen in all I do

Love enough to cover every sin

In each thought and deed and attitude

Kindness to the greatest and the least

Gentleness that sows the path of peace

Turn my strivings into works of grace

Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth

Giving life to all that God has made

Show Your power once again on earth

Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise

Lead us on the road of sacrifice

That in unity the face of Christ

May be clear for all the world to see

(Keith and Kristen Getty)

A reading from the gospel according Mark beginning at chapter 6 verse 30.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognised them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognised him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

As you read this passage what do you think as you hear Jesus' words and see what he does? Is there an invitation from God to you today that you might want to respond to?

Faithful One, so unchanging

Ageless One, You're my rock of peace
Lord of all, I depend on You

I call out to You again and again
I call out to You again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm your love is the anchor
My hope is in you alone
(Brian Doerksen)

Let us pray

Generous God,

you give us gifts and make them grow;
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven

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)

The grace of God,
deeper than our imagining;
the strength of Christ,
greater than our need;
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
richer than all our life together;
guide and sustain us today
and in all our tomorrows.
May we become ever more aware of God's presence in our lives as we live and
follow Christ. Amen.

May the Son warm your heart 'til it glows like a fire

May the wind whisper softly, 'Satan is a liar'
May the fire within warm those that you meet
May you always have shoes to wear on your feet

God Willing! God Willing!

May the words of the Son bring a light to your eyes
May you always be free from a heavy disguise
May the rain wash your path as you go day by day
May you always have freedom and something to say

God Willing! God Willing!

May the blessings of three-without-end pour on you
May you know God is with you in all that you do
May sunshine fall on your face as you play
May you always feel love and return it each day

God Willing! God Willing!

May compassion and contentment be all you need
May you never succumb to malice and greed
May you love one another, forget and forgive
May you do for each other, the best way to live

God Willing! God Willing!

May wisdom be yours to make the right choice
May you never feel fear for using your voice
May you know when to stop and when you can start
May you feel the Lord's peace grow in your heart

God Willing! God Willing!

God Willing!
(Jane & Nick Moore)