



St Edmund's Taverham with St Peter's Ringland

Worship for Sunday 25th July Eighth Sunday after Trinity

As we worship together today, we are reminded that although we are scattered, together we praise our loving Creator God. The Holy Spirit gathers us in the Name of Jesus as we sing, hear words of scripture and bring our needs and the needs of the world to God in prayer.

Holy God, joy of the universe, it is your awesome love that brings us here. You awaken within us a loving response, which hungers and thirsts for your truth and beauty.

As we worship you, please do not give us the blessings we want but the ones we most need. Satisfy us with the truth that we may need, though such truth might be most uncomfortable, and confront us with your holy beauty that will often cause us pain before it brings healing. Amen.

Our gathering song

An army of ordinary people

A kingdom where love is the key
A city, a light to the nations
Heirs to the promise are we
A people whose life is in Jesus
A nation together we stand
Only through grace are we worthy
Inheritors of the land

*A new day is dawning
A new age to come
When the children of promise
Shall flow together as one
A truth long neglected
But the time has now come
When the children of promise
Shall flow together as one*

A people without recognition
But with Him a destiny sealed
Called to a heavenly vision
His purpose shall be fulfilled

Come, let us stand strong together
Abandon ourselves to the King
His love shall be ours forever
This victory song we shall sing
(Dave Bilbrough)

Call to Worship Litany

(based on Ephesians 3:14-21, Psalm 14)

God looks from heaven upon the children of earth
to see whether there are any wise enough
to seek the fellowship of God.

**By faith, may Christ live within our hearts,
that we may be rooted and grounded in love
and filled with all the fullness of God.**

When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
the people of faith shall rejoice, and the whole church be glad.

**We bow down before the Father of Christ Jesus,
from whom every family on earth is named.**

To God be all the glory,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
**throughout all generations,
forever and ever. Amen!**

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's Home Page.**
<http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

The splendour of the King clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice

*How great is our God sing with me
How great is our God and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God
(Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves & Ed Cash)

A reading from the gospel according to John beginning at chapter 6 verse 1

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' 6He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.

'8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' 10Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' 13So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

15 When Jesus realised that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, 17got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 19When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. 20But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' 21Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

This amazing miracle, told in all four gospels, is so well known. Ask God to show you something new or to remind you of what is that God wants you to know today.

From the breaking of the dawn, to the setting of the sun

I will stand on every promise of Your word
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away
I will stand on every promise of Your word
For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure
I can stand on every promise of Your word

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in
I will stand on every promise of Your word
You are faithful to forgive, that in freedom I might live
So I stand on every promise of Your word
Guilt to innocence restored, you remember sins no more

So I'll stand on every promise of Your word

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice
And I'll stand on every promise of Your word
Through this dark and troubled land, You will guide me with your hand
As I stand on every promise of Your word
And you've promised to complete, every work begun in me
So I'll stand on every promise of Your word

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out every fear
As I stand on every promise of Your word
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come
And I stand on every promise of Your word
Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe
We will stand on every promise of Your word
(Keith Getty & Stuart Townend)

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Let us pray

**Merciful God,
You see deep into our hearts
and know us better than we know ourselves.
Forgive us we pray.
For the times we turn away from Your word,
remind us that You are the Lord our God,
our eternal protector and guide.
For our impulses of anger and jealousy, scorn or spite,
grant us Your healing peace.
For our resistance to forgiveness, generosity and mercy,
inspire us with Your compassionate love.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Welcome now the abundant grace of God:
in Jesus, our sins are forgiven.
And let God's love comfort and heal our souls.

**Redeeming God,
in You, we are always welcome and accepted,
always forgiven and renewed.
Draw us closer to You, today and always. Amen.**

~ submitted by Gill Le Fevre

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near, and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever-more
(Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman)

Benediction

(based on Ephesians 3:16-21, *The Message*)

Let us ask God to strengthen us by the power of the Spirit—
not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—
that Christ will live in us as we open the door and invite him in.

And I ask God that
with both feet planted firmly on love
we'll be able to take in with all God's people
the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love.

Let's reach out and experience the breadth!
Test its length!
Plumb the depths!
Rise to the heights!
Let's live full lives—full in the fullness of God.

God can do anything, you know—
far more than we could ever imagine or guess
or request in our wildest dreams!
Not by pushing us around
but by working within us,
through the power of God's Spirit.

All glory to the God of Creation!
All glory to the Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ!
And all glory to the Spirit of God, at work among us and within us!

Let us go in the love of God!

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)