



St Edmund's Taverham with St Peter's Ringland

Worship for 12th September

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

A we gather for worship today we meet in the presence of the Father who blesses us, the son who takes care of us and the Holy Spirit who enlightens us all the days of our life.

Our gathering song

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain

You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim
You will gather the nations before You
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb who was crucified
With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign at Your Father's side

*And the angels will cry Hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world rule in power
And the earth will reply You shall reign
As the king of all kings and the Lord of all Lords*

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side
There's a fire in our spirits that can't be denied
'Cause the Father has told us for these You have died
For the nations that gather before You
And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb who was crucified
Who descended to hell yet was raised up to reign at his Father's side
(Robin Mark)

May the God of glory be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to the One who whispers hope and grace to you.

Our hearts rejoice in the wonder of God.

Sing glad songs of praise to God.

We join all creation in proclaiming God's giftedness.

Here I am, humbled by Your majesty

Covered by Your grace so free
Here I am, knowing I'm a sinful man
Covered by the blood of the Lamb

Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine
Since You laid down Your life, the greatest sacrifice

Majesty, majesty
Your grace has found me just as I am
Empty handed but alive in Your hands

Here I am, humbled by the love that You give
Forgiven so that I can forgive
Here I stand, knowing that I'm Your desire
Sanctified by glory and fire

Majesty, majesty
Forever I am changed by Your love
In the presence of Your majesty
(Martin Smith & Stuart Garrard)

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark beginning at chapter 8 verse 27

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ 28 And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ 29 He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

These words that Jesus speaks are hard and disturbing. They call us out of our comfortable lives and invite us to new ways of living.

All my days, I will sing this song of gladness

Give my praise to the fountain of delights
For in my helplessness You heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer
I will sing of the blood that never fails
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed
Of death defeated and life without end

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor
Clothed in majesty Lord of history
You're the Way the Truth the Life
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion
And You reign You reign over all*

I long to be where the praise is never ending
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades
Where countless worshippers will share one song
And cries of worthy will honour the Lamb
(Stuart Townend)

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)

Let us pray

Almighty God, we confess to you that we do not always live as you have called us to. There are times when putting you first seems like hard work and unnecessary and more than we are capable of, and we wound your image in us. We forget the example of Jesus who came to show us what perfect love looks like. Please forgive us and help us to live humbly and simply, with you as the source and centre of our lives. In the Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

God will not let you go. There is no place you can be lost, nowhere so deep and dark that light cannot shine in the shadows. God loves you madly, and God is with you. Breathe, and know the Spirit is alive in you. Love, and know that you are loved by God. Live, and know that Christ lives in you. As Christ has died, Christ has also risen, and death will never have the final word. Go forth with this knowledge, wisdom, and insight: God's steadfast love endures forever. You are forgiven, loved, and restored. Amen.

(Rev Mindi rev-olution)

Lord God,
defend your Church from
all false teaching
and give to your people
knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Our Father, who art in heaven

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
(Nathan Stiff)

In the busyness of our days
grant us a stillness of seeing, O God.
In the conflicting voices of our hearts
grant us a calmness of hearing.
Let our seeing and hearing,
our words and our actions
be rooted in a silent certainty of your presence.
Let our passions for life
and the longings for justice that stir within us

be grounded in the experience of your stillness.
Let our lives be rooted in the ground of your peace, O God,
let us be rooted in the depths of your peace.

~ from CELTIC BENEDICTION by J. Philip Newell

The Lord bless you and keep you

Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, Amen, Amen

May His favour be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children

May His presence go before you
And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you
He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening
In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you
(Elevation Worship)