



**St Edmund's Church Taverham
and St Peter's Church Ringland**

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She's sat at the feet of the master that day

The better part that won't be taken away
Sister was serving frustration and blame
But Jesus loved Mary and Martha the same

*So come worker, come preacher, come Peter, come Paul
Come fighter, come labourer, come break that wall
Come prophet, come poet, come take up this call
Come Mary, come Martha, come all*

To everything is a season and time
A time to be born and a time we will die
A time to be Mary, to sit and receive
A time to be Martha and roll up our sleeves

If we kneel at the altar or kneel at their feet
If we pray in a cloister or serve on the street
Jesus is present when two or three meet in His Name
Let the church be the church that's complete
(Anna Purdum)

Come and worship!
Be still and aware of God's presence
within and around you.

(Pause)

Come and worship!
Be still and aware of Jesus 'presence
within and around you.

(Pause)

Come and worship!
Be still and aware of the Spirit's presence
within and around you.

(Pause)

Be still and know the presence of the Triune God,
the Father to whom we come,
the Son through whom we come,
the Spirit by whom we come.

(Pause)

Hear his word:
Be STILL and know that I am God.
(written by Rev. Dr. A.R. Neal Mathers)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here

Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around

Be still, for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him
Be still, for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place
(David Evans)

Call to Worship

(inspired by Colossians 1: 15)

In an image-saturated world

a world of ubiquitous corporate logos
permeating your consciousness

a world of dehydrated and captive imaginations
in which we are too numbed, satiated and co-opted
to be able to dream of life otherwise

a world in which the empire of global economic affluence
has achieved the monopoly of our imaginations

in this world
Christ is the image of the invisible God

in this world
driven by images with a vengeance
Christ is the image par excellence

the image above all other images
the image that is not a facade
the image that is not trying to sell you anything
the image that refuses to co-opt you

Christ is the image of the invisible God
the image of God
a flesh and blood
here and now
in time and history
with joys and sorrows
image of who we are called to be

(**Colossians Remixed: Subverting The Empire** by Sylvia C. Keesmaat and Brian J. Walsh)

You have called us out of darkest night

Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

*May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus*

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word

This our holy priv'lege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation tribe and tongue
Your church proclaim

Holy Holy is the Lord Al-mighty
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name
(Keith & Kristin Getty)

A reading from the gospel according to Luke beginning at chapter 10 verse 38

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

We believe in God the Father, who sent Jesus into the world to show us the true nature of God.

We believe in Jesus, the Son of God, who showed his love for us by dying on the cross and rising to new life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

We believe in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

May the blessing of the three-in-one God be yours.

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

(Reuben Morgan)

Unclutter our lives, Lord

we have too much,

consume too much,

expect too much.

**Grant us perspective;
to see this world
through others 'eyes
than just our own.**

**Grant us compassion;
where there is need
to play our part
not turn aside.**

**Grant us gratitude
for what we have,
our daily bread
the gift of life.**

**Unclutter our lives, Lord,
give us space,
simplicity
thankful hearts.**

(John Birch)

In your kingdom, Lord,
there are no favourites,
all are equal,
all carry the image
of the one who made all things,
and all are welcome in your home.
You forgive those who in humility
make the journey to repentance,
even those who now reject you.
Such love,
beyond our imagining.
Such love,
that could die for us.
Such love
sown into hearts,
that we might display its beauty
through lives and words.
Thank you Lord!
(John Birch)

God in community, you who call us to listen and to serve, we pray the prayer of your kingdom,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
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
(Stuart Townend, Keith Getty)

Go out into the world to serve God with love.
Be filled with joy and delight at the good news God has to offer you.
Make room at your table for unexpected guests.
When the work of discipleship leaves you weary or frustrated,
rest in Christ's presence and listen to what he is saying.
And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
go with you today and always. Amen.
(Rev Heather Moody)

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)

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