

St Edmund's Church Taverham

and St Peter's Church Ringland

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In the quiet, in the stillness I know that You are God

In the secret of Your presence I know there I am restored When You call I won't refuse Each new day again I'll choose

There is no one else for me None but Jesus Crucified to set me free Now I live to bring Him praise

In the chaos, in confusion I know You're Sovereign still In the moment of my weakness You give me grace to do Your will When You call I won't delay This, my song through all my days

All my delight is in You Lord All of my hope, all of my strength All my delight is in You Lord forevermore (Hillsong)

May the God who loves completely be with you. **May the God of steadfast love be with you.** Open your hearts to the One who does not pass us by. **Our hearts will be filled with God's grace.** Let us lift our voices in glad songs to God. **Joyfully, lovingly, we offer our praise to our God.**

God in community, holy in one, we pray with open hearts to your love and your kingdom, saying together

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.

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great

And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait You fixed your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn So from East to West shall my name be blessed, could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring Let the fires of your justice burn Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near And the world is about to turn

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound 'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around (Rory Cooney)

A reading from the letter to the Colossians beginning at chapter 1 verse 1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.

This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and

understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

To you O Lord, I lift up my soul

In you I trust, O my God Do not let me be put to shame Nor let my enemies triumph over me

Show me your ways and teach me your paths Guide me in truth, lead me on For you're my God, you are my Saviour My hope is in you each moment of the day

No one whose hope is in you, will ever be put to shame That's why eyes are on you, Oh Lord Surround me, defend me, O how I need you To you I lift up my soul, to you I lift up my soul

Remember Lord your mercy and love, that ever flows from of old Remember not the sins of my youth, or my rebellious ways According to your love, remember me According to your love, for you are good, O Lord (Graham Kendrick)

A reading from the gospel according to Luke beginning at chapter 10 verse 25

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher, 'he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy. 'Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

When we do not listen to your voice in the depths of our own hearts, calling us to love and forgive: Lord have mercy.

When we do not listen to your voice in our common life, calling us to welcome the stranger and create community: **Christ have mercy.**

When we do not listen to your voice in our world, calling us to work for justice and to make peace: Lord have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

The Word is very near to us, in our hearts and on our lips. In Christ, we are forgiven; our lives are made new, and our future of hope is restored. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

~ Written by Rev. Susan A. Blain and Rev. Scott Ressman

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.

Brother, sister let me serve you

Let me be as Christ to you Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey Fellow travellers on the road We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christlight for you In the night-time of your fear I will hold my hand out to you Speak the peace you long to hear I will weep when you are weeping When you laugh I'll laugh with you I will share your joy and sorrow 'Til we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in heaven We shall find such harmony Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony

Brother, sister let me serve you Let me be as Christ to you Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant too (Richard Gillard)

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

God of freedom, God of justice, you whose love is stronger than death

You who saw the dark of prison, you who knew the price of faith Touch our world of sad oppression with your Spirit's healing breath Bring us hope and restoration, sowing seeds of peace beneath

Raise our voices, hearts united, in the light of Your love and grace Hopes renewed and fears abated, in this sacred, hallowed, hallowed place

Rid the earth of torture's terror, you whose hands were nailed to wood Hear the cries of pain and protest, you who shed the tears and blood Move in us the power of pity, restless for the common good Kindle hope amidst the darkness, shining where the brave have stood

Peace our banner, truth our anthem, guiding every step we take God of freedom, God of mercy, hear the prayers your children, children make

Make in us a captive conscience, quick to hear, to act, to plead Make us truly sisters, brothers, of whatever race or creed Teach us to be fully human, open to each other's needs Make our hearts vessels of kindness, sowing love through word and deed (Words: Shirley Erena Murray; Arranged: Nick Moore) May God grant You spiritual wisdom and understanding so that you may be able to see things from a spiritual point of view, and so that Your lives may be worthy of God, and pleasing to Him.

And may you bear fruit in all that you do, and continue to grow in your understanding of who God is.

And may God give you the strength you need to endure whatever comes with patience and even joy, always giving thanks to God who, through Jesus Christ, has given you new life.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and

All your soul and all your mind and Love all of mankind as you would love yourself and

Love the Lord your God With all your heart With all your soul and mind and love all mankind

We've got Christian lives to live We've got Jesus' love to give We've got nothing to hide because in Him we abide (Our Lord)

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