



**St Edmund's Church Taverham
and St Peter's Church Ringland
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Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word

Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, Thus saith the Lord

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me, 'neath the healing, cleansing flood

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking, life and rest, and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
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Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory. [Isaiah 6:3 NRSV]

The Lord of hosts is with us.

Let us lift up our hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is a good and joyful thing to give God thanks and praise!

Holy God,
we come together as your people
searching for sacred space,
longing to be cherished,
craving a real connection.
In this hour of worship
let thankfulness sink deep
and joy spring up.

**We lift our hearts and souls and minds
to the God of our creation,
for we are wholly yours
now and forever. Amen.**

(Carol Penner)

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)

O Lord, you are the God of our salvation.
We have no hope without you:
Hear us when we call to you.

O Lord, you are the compassionate God
who cared for our ancestors and our parents:
Come now to us to save us, we pray.

O Lord, you are the Changeless God
whom we honour and revere:
**We come this day to worship you, O God,
because we trust in your merciful grace. Amen.**
(written by Joan Stott based on psalm71:1-9)

A reading from the gospel according to Luke beginning at chapter 16 verse 1

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer."

Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes."

So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty."

Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty."

And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Who am I that the highest King

Would welcome me

I was lost but He brought me in

Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God, yes I am

Free at last He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin

Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God, yes I am

In my Father's house, there's a place for me

I'm a child of God, yes I am

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am

In my Father's house, there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am
(Hillsong)

We give our hearts to God, Creator of all that is, who holds all things in her heart, whose faithful compassion is infinite.

We follow Jesus, our brother, our teacher and our friend, who embodies God's love, who taught and healed and gathered a community of compassion for the world. For his love he was crucified, and on the cross he shared the pain of all humanity. But in love God raised him from the dead, and he lives among us still, accompanying us within divine grace and redeeming even our darkest suffering.

We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, God's love in us, in whose grace we weep for the world, serve the hurting, and live as signs of God's mercy. We live as One, the Body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness, the mystery of Resurrection, and the gift of eternal life. We devote our lives to bearing the heart of God, that we may make this wounded world more gentle and hopeful, in the Name of Christ. Amen.

(UnfoldingLight.com)

God, do not remember against us
the iniquities of our ancestors.

**Forgive us, merciful God,
for our history of violence.**

Let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought low.

**With haste come to us
for we are bent beneath the weight of war making.**

Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name.

**Rescue us, O Wind of the Spirit,
from the sea of despair.**

Deliver us and forgive us our sins,
for your name's sake.

**Jesus, have mercy on our nation,
for the sake of God's reign. Amen.**

(Leo Hartshorn)

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)

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So... be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.

And the blessing of God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

I love you Lord, for your mercy never fails me

All my days, I've been held in your hands
From the moment that I wake up 'til I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life you have been faithful
All my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love your voice, you have led me through the fire
In darkest night you are close like no other
I've known you as a father, I've known you as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give you everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
(Bethel Music)

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