



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

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Christ the King

All my words fall short, I've got nothing new

How could I express all my gratitude
I could sing these songs, as I often do
But every song must end and You never do

*So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a
Hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a King
Except for a heart singing
Hallelujah, hallelujah*

I've got one response, I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

Oh, come on my soul, oh, don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord
Come on my soul, oh, don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord, hey

So I throw up my hands, praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King

Except for a heart singing Hallelujah, hallelu-ujah
(Brandon Lake / Bethel Music)

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is the image of the invisible God.

In Christ all the fullness of God is pleased to dwell.

In Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created;

Christ reigns over thrones and dominions and rulers and powers.

Christ is the head of the Body, the church.

Through Christ all things are reconciled to God, making peace by his love on the cross.

This is the love we adore, the love we worship, the love we serve.

Alleluia!

(Colossians 1.15-20) (UnfoldingLight.com)

Almighty God:

from the beginning of time

to the end of eternity,
you have chosen
to use your power and majesty
to love us,
to redeem us,
to shape us as your people.

King of Kings
and Lord of Lords:
you became weak
so you could confront
the strength of sin and death,
confounding their ridicule
with your resurrection.

Spirit of God,
resting upon us:
may your power enflame us
with your peace;
may your peace touch us
with your grace;
may your grace fill us
with your hope;
may your hope lead us
into your Kingdom.
(Thom M. Shuman)

God in Community, Holy in One,
may your word be on our lips,
as we pray together as Jesus
has taught us, saying,

**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.**

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)

**God is our refuge and our strength,
an ever-present help in distress.**

Though the earth trembles,
and mountains slide into the sea,
we will not fear.

**Waters may rise and roar,
and mountains shake at their surging;
but the God of hosts is with us--
our stronghold, the God of Israel.**

Even if nations are in chaos, and kingdoms fall,
God's voice resounds; the earth melts away.

**Yahweh is with us;
the God of Israel is our stronghold.**

Come! See the deeds of the Most High,
the marvellous things God has done on earth;
all over the world, God has stopped wars--
breaking bows, splintering spears,
burning the shields with fire.
"Be still! and know that I am God,
exalted among the nations, exalted upon the earth."

**The Most High is with us;
our stronghold is the God of Israel**
(Psalm 46: 1-3, 6-11)

A reading from the letter to the Colossians beginning at chapter 1 verse 11

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.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

King of Kings, Majesty

God of Heaven, living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne

*Your Majesty I can but bow
I lay my all before you now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your majesty*

Earth and heaven, worship You
Love eternal, faithful and true
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise

Heaven's Father, regal Lord
Praise to You, O ruler of all
Power and mercy, kindness and might
Held in strong hands, bathed in Your light
All within me worships Your name
(Jarrod Cooper)

A reading from the gospel according to Luke beginning at chapter 23 verse 33

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!'

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!'

There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.'

Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Living God,

in the stillness of Your presence we know ourselves in new ways.

**We see more clearly where we have chosen the way of the world
rather than the way of Christ.**

**We have compromised when we should have stood firm,
and judged others by standards to which we rarely hold ourselves.**

We have been quick to anger and slow to love.

We have not lived as people who know the kingdom of God is among them.

**Forgive us and renew us and help us to be faithful citizens walking the way of Christ our
King. Amen.**

What do you want of me, Lord?

Where do you want me to serve you?

Where can I sing your prai-ses

I am your song

Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord

Jesus, Jesus, you are the way

I hear you call my name, Lord

And I am moved within me

Your Spirit stirs my deepest self

Sing your songs in me

Above, below, and around me

before, behind and all through me

your Spirit burns deep within me

Fire my life with your love

Jesus, Jesus, be the warmth of my heart

Jesus, Jesus, you are the way

You are the light in my darkness

You are my strength when I'm weary

You give me sight when I'm blinded
Come see for me

*Jesus, Jesus, you are my Light
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way*

I am your song and servant
Singing your praise like Mary
Surrendered to your Spirit
"Let it be done to me"

*Jesus, Jesus, "Let it be done to me"
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way
(D. McGargill)*

Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.
(The United Church of Canada)**

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. Amen.

The King of love my Shepherd is

Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

*Never failing, ruler of my heart
Everlasting, lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Lost and foolish oft I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

Ooooooooooh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever
(I Am They)

May your hands, this day, learn the grace of holding—
May your ears, this day, receive the courage of listening—
May your eyes, this day, awaken to wonder—
May your feet, this day, walk The Way—
And may your whole being, this day—every breath, every bone, every bright
imagination—remember what you were made for: to love and to be loved.
Go in the grace that goes before you,
walk in the love that walks with you,
and rest in the mercy that rests upon you. Amen.

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)

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