



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

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Oh I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like

But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

*You're a good, good father, it's who You are
It's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by you, it's who I am
It's who I am, it's who I am*

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide
Because You know just what we need before we say a word

Oh you're perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love
(Pat Barrett & Anthony Brown)

We've come to worship,
to sing and pray and hear God's Word, because:

God's love lasts forever!

Even when God seems far away, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

Even when nothing is going right, and we're ready to give up, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

When people treat us badly, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

When we're all alone,
and we feel like no one loves us, we know:

God's love lasts forever!

Let's worship God together!

(Based on Psalm 13. Christine Longhurst, re:Worship)

God in community, holy in One, creator and sustainer of all life, to you who created all that is good and beautiful, we pray the prayer Jesus taught 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.**

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour, he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
(CityAlight)

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew beginning at chapter 10 verse 40

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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)

We believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.

We believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ.

We believe that in his life, Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness and justice.

We believe that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.

We believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God's determined calling us to abundant life both now and forever, life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations.

We believe that God lives among us, within us, and through the us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love.

We believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as people who trust in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Daniel Sine)

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)

Call to Confession

(based Romans 6:12-13)

Sisters and brothers, let's not let sin control the way we live.
Let's not give in to sinful desires.
Rather, let's offer ourselves to God,
who through his mercy has brought us from death to life.

Opportunity for Confession

(based on Romans 7:14-27)

**God, we confess that we have sinned in your sight.
Despite our best efforts and intentions,
we have failed to consistently live in ways
that bring honour to your name.
Forgive us.
Through the grace of Jesus Christ
and the power of the Holy Spirit,
set us free from the grip of sin—
from attitudes and actions that do not lead to life.**

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me.
Quench our thirst for love,
Satisfy our need to be known,
Assure us that we are indeed prophets of welcome.
Let us go to proclaim this peace in God's name.
(Rev. Elsa A. Cook)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

*Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near, and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever-more
(Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman)

Benediction

So now we leave this space of worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path constantly changing,

we know some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love.
We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit this there,
found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other,
until we meet we again,

Go in peace.
(Rev. Nora Vedress)

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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