



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

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Earth's creator, Everyday God

Loving Maker, O Jesus
You who shaped us, O Spirit
Recreate us, Come, be with us

In your presence, Everyday God
We are gathered, O Jesus
You have called us, O Spirit
To restore us, Come, be with us

Life of all lives, Everyday God
Love of all loves, O Jesus
Hope of all hopes, O Spirit
Light of all lights, Come, be with us

In our resting, Everyday God
In our rising, O Jesus
In our hoping, O Spirit
In our waiting, Come, be with us

In our dreaming, Everyday God
In our daring, O Jesus
In our searching, O Spirit
In our sharing, Come, be with us

God of laughter, Everyday God
God of sorrow, O Jesus
Home and shelter, O Spirit
Strong and patient, Come, be with us

Way of freedom, Everyday God
Star of morning, O Jesus
Timeless healer, O Spirit
Flame eternal, Come, be with us

Word of gladness, Everyday God
Word of mercy, O Jesus
Word of friendship, O Spirit
Word of challenge, Come, be with us

Gentle father, Everyday God
Faithful brother, O Jesus
Tender sister, O Spirit
Loving mother, Come, be with us

Our beginning, Everyday God
Our unfolding, O Jesus
Our enduring, O Spirit
Journey's ending, Come, be with us

Alleluia, Everyday God
Now and always, O Jesus
Alleluia, O Spirit
Through all ages, Come, be with us
(Bernadette Farrell)

Opening Prayer (based on Matthew 13:1-9)

O God, we gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.

Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit. May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil. May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord. Amen.

(Christine Longhurst, re:Worship)

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise

That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye!
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise, and tempests blow by order from Thy throne
While all that borrow life from Thee is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that man can be Thou, God art present there
(Traditional)

God in community, Holy in One, You plant the seed of love in our hearts and tell us to call your Father. So in faith and trust we pray 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.

God of creation, Lord of all beauty

All creatures join in singing your love
Holy compassion, joy of our mornings
Fill us with grace which comes from above
Christ of the outcast, comfort of mourners
Neighbour to strangers, love without end
Bearer of burdens, grace ever with us
Blessing our children, brother and friend

Spirit of kindness, breath of forgiveness
Faithful companion, just as Christ said
God's little children gathered together
Drink of salvation, feast on your bread
(Thom Shuman)

Your word is a lamp to my feet, Lord. **Your word is a light to my path.**
Though the world around me tosses and tumbles, **I hold fast to you.**
Though I have doubts and worries and I wonder, **I hold fast to you.**
Though my heart hurts, my spirit aches, and I lose my way, **I hold fast to you.**
Though I encounter wickedness and hate seemingly around every corner, **I hold fast to you.**

Your stories and your songs, O Lord- **They comfort me.**
Your will and your way, O Lord- **They nudge me along.**
Your presence and your promise, O Lord- **They give me hope.**
Your world is my heritage and my heart. **And I will turn toward you forever.**
I will hold fast to you. **And I will sing praises to your name!**
(adapted from Psalm 119:105-112.)

A reading from the gospel of Matthew beginning at chapter 13 beginning at verse 1

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the

one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

I have heard so many songs

Listened to a thousand tongues
But there is one that sounds above them all
The Father's song, the Father's love
You sung it over me
And for eternity it's written on my heart

*Heaven's perfect melody, the Creator's symphony
You are singing over me, the Father's song
Heaven's perfect mystery, the King of love has sent for me
And now you're singing over me, the Father's song*

We have played so many songs
Played for you a thousand times
But this is one that echoes in our hearts
The Lord our God, His song proclaims
His love for us, much stronger now
Than ever was, its power to redeem
(Matt Redman, add'l - Nick Moore)

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)

O Lord, forgive us and save us from hardness of heart, where your word cannot take root.
O Lord, forgive us and save us from shallowness of mind, where your word withers away.
O Lord, forgive us and save us from the deceitfulness of riches, where your word is choked by everyday cares.
But Lord, grant that our hearts may be fertile soil, where your word flourishes and yields a harvest, bringing salvation to ourselves and those about us. Amen.
Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God! When human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill

To restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still
Through that stillness, with your Spirit, come into our world of stress
For the sake of Christ forgiving, all the failures we confess

You in us are bruised and broken, hear us as we seek release
From the pain of earlier living, set us free and grant us peace
Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly, hopeful into life
Use us as a means of blessing, make us stronger, give us faith

Help us Lord to spread your Word more, love and nurture the seeds we sow
Give us patience, love and wisdom, help us tend the plants that grow
Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true
Give us love to go on learning, God! Encourage and renew! (Fred Kaan)

We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest And we bless each other That the beauty of this world And the love that created it Might be expressed though our lives And be a blessing to others. Now and always. Amen. (Third Space website)

Praise with joy the world's Creator

God of justice, love and peace
Source and end of human knowledge
Force of greatness without cease
Celebrate the Maker's glory
Power to rescue and release

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry
Clothes the naked, finds the lost
Heals the sick, upsets religion
Fearless of both fate and cost
Celebrate Christ's constant presence
Friend and stranger, guest and host

Praise the Spirit sent among us
Liberating truth from pride
Forging bonds where race or gender
Age or nation dare divide
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure
Foolishness none dare deride

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit
One God in community
Calling Christians to embody
Oneness and diversity
Thus the world shall yet believe
When shown Christ's vibrant unity (John Bell & Graham Maule)

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