



**St Edmund's Church Taverham
and St Peter's Church Ringland
25th October 2026**

You brought me out of the darkness

And clothed me in garments of praise
Jesus, forever, my song will be You
I'm living in freedom
You've taken my burdens away
Jesus, forever, my song will be You, only for You

*For the cross that You bore and the debt that You paid
For the victory You won over death and the grave
This is the reason I sing
For the hope that You give and the joy that You bring
For the promise that Heaven is waiting for me
This is the reason I sing*

I will not be silent
I'll testify of Your grace
Jesus, forever
My song will be You, only for You

So good, so good, You're so good to me
Forever, I'll sing, You're so good to me
Yeah, so good, so good, You're so good to me
Forever, I'll sing, You're so good to me, yeah

Jesus, the reason I sing
Oh, this is the reason I sing
(Phil Wickham)

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us.

As God's people we have gathered
Let us worship God together

(inspired by Psalm 1)

King of all the earth,
Creator of the universe,
Holy Triune God,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.
Your law brings life, O Lord, and we meditate on it day and night;

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

You are a rich stream of living waters, and we would immerse ourselves in you;

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

You bring forth fruit in due season and establish the work of our hands;

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

This is our God, the Holy One.

Come with thanksgiving

and offer the sacrifice of praise.

(Oratio Contemplativa)

Every generation has found

its home in you,

God our provider,

and discovered that every moment

spent in your holy presence

lasts beyond all imaginable time.

You watch over us in the night,

cradling us in your arms

as tenderly as a nurse

cares for her children,

and her neighbour's.

Full of wisdom,

Imagination of Creation,

you humbled yourself

that we might learn

to love those

who have been swept aside

by a callous and cruel world.

Witness to God's grace,

you call us to act

in ways of love of peace

to all we meet in this life.

In the fresh breeze

on a summer's day;

in the leaves dancing

across autumn's lawns;

in the crisp, new snowfall

crunching beneath our feet;

in the new life

flowering in the spring:

from everlasting to everlasting

you proclaim God's grace to us,

Spirit of Life. (Thom M Schuman)

God in Community, Holy in One,

continue to be the dwelling place
of our minds, our hearts, our souls,
even as we pray as we have been taught,

**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.**

Are you thirsty, are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken, peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down, all the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

*There s a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving, mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shore line
Life is in these living waters

Are you thirsty, are you empty
Come, and drink these living waters
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless
Christ, He is our living waters
(Ed Cash & Keith Getty)

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew beginning at chapter 22 verse 34

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’

No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Blessed is the man, who walks in your favour

Who loves all your words, and hides them like treasure
In the darkest place, of his desperate heart
They are a light, a strong, sure light

Sometimes I call out your name, but I cannot find you
I look for your face, but you are not there
By my sorrows Lord, lift me to you
Lift me up to, your side

*Lord of Eternity, Father of mercy
Look on my fainting soul
Keeper of all the stars
Friend of the poorest heart
Touch me and make me whole*

If you are my defender, who is against me?
No one can trouble or harm me, if you are my strength
All I ask, all I desire
Is to live in your house, all my days

*Lord of Eternity, God of all mercy
Come to my troubled soul
Keeper of all the stars
Friend of the poorest heart
Touch me and make me whole
(Fernando Ortega)*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

You are our God. We worship you. Amen.

May the words of my mouth, and the thoughts of my heart

Bless Your name, bless Your name, Jesus
And the deeds of the day, and the truth in my way
Speak of You, speak of You, Jesus

*For this is what I'm glad to do
It's time to live a life of love that pleases You
And I will give my all to You
Surrender ev'rything I have and follow You
I'll follow You*

Lord, will You be my vision, Lord, will You be my guide?
Be my hope, be my life, and the way
And I'll look not for riches, nor praises on earth
Only You'll be the first of my heart

I will follow, I will follow You
(Tim Hughes)

**Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you;
you call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbours in need,
wrapped up in our own concerns.
We have gone along with evil,
with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness.**

**Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,
so that, as you move toward us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(posted on the **PCUSA**)

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All the room was hushed and still

And when the bowl was filled
He stooped to wash their feet
And when it was complete, he said
This is what I'm asking you to do
This is why I'm kneeling here beside you
This is what I want my church to be
This is what I want the world to see
Who it is you follow

*Love each other, one another
Love each other in the way that I have loved you
Walk together, and whatever comes
Love each other in the way that I have loved you*

Let the room be hushed and still
Let us go to where he kneels
And join him as he serves
And learn his ways of love
He said, this is what I'm asking you to do
This is why I'm kneeling here beside you
This is what I want my church to be
This is what I want the world to see
Who it is you follow
(Graham Kendrick)

And so we close our time together remembering that we go to love God with all our
heart, mind, and soul:

with passion, with prayer, with intelligence;

to love your neighbour:

with forgiveness, with service, with love;

and to love ourselves:

with hope, with joy, with peace. Amen.

(Thom M Schuman)

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

(Jesus Christ)

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