

St Edmund's Church Taverham and St Peter's Church Ringland
Sunday 22nd November 2026
Christ the King

The greatness of the Lord, is beyond compare
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All splendour and glory, forever He is holy
The greatness of the Lord, is beyond compare

The friendship of the Lord, is beyond compare
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Oh Jesus, my treasure, abide with me forever
The friendship of the Lord, is beyond compare

The faithfulness of God, it will never fail
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My hope is, in You God, the Rock my life is built on
The faithfulness of God, it will never fail

The Kingdom of our God, it will never end
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The great and glorious One, who was and is to come
The Lamb of God is seated on the throne

Eternally You reign and we will sing the same
The Lamb of God has triumphed over all
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(Brooke Ligertwood)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Bring your silence and your shouting,
as introverts and extroverts.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Bring your songs and your stories,
your struggles and your sacrifices.

Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
He designed and created us,
he understands us and is intensely interested in us.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
Bring your gifts and your personalities,
your strengths and weaknesses.

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.
He is just and wise,
honest and true,
caring and compassionate,
eternal and holy; he is God.
(© Dave Hopwood-Based on Psalm 100)

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.

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.
(Thom M. Shuman)

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
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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

Ooooooooh, 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)

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew beginning at chapter 25 verse 31

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?”

And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.”

Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?”

Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. ’

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

You are the One that my heart loves
You are the One I adore
You look beyond all my lies and scars
And offer Your sacred heart

You have restored me
You have redeemed me
Jesus, Lamb of God
My Saviour, my Friend
(Dave Moore)

Heavenly Father,
Open my eyes
to see as you see and weep as you weep
Open my heart
to love the broken and care for those without hope
Open my hands
to hold what I have lightly and to share cheerfully

Open my mouth
to speak for the voiceless and to shout for mercy
Open my ears
to the gentle whispers of your Spirit and to obey what you say
Open up my life
to the call of your voice and the needy cries of the dying. Amen
(Fred Drummond)

Gracious God, maker of all, fountain of life, we trust you.
We drink deeply from the river of your grace.
Crucified and risen Christ, from whom flows the water of healing for all Creation,
for the love that flows from you we thank you, and we follow you.
Holy Spirit, love of God flowing through us, we open our hearts to you.
Bear us onward, carry us by your mercy, and fill us with your grace. Amen.

Here I am, humbled by Your majesty
Covered by Your grace so free
Here I am, knowing I'm a sinful man
Covered by the blood of the Lamb

Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine
Since You laid down Your life, the greatest sacrifice

Majesty, majesty
Your grace has found me just as I am
Empty handed but alive in Your hands

Here I am, humbled by the love that You give
Forgiven so that I can forgive
Here I stand, knowing that I'm Your desire
Sanctified by glory and fire

Majesty, majesty
Forever I am changed by Your love
In the presence of Your majesty
(Martin Smith & Stuart Garrard)

Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.
Though you have been our sovereign, we have not obeyed you.
We have not let you rule our hearts.
We have not let you direct our thoughts or command our actions.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
You who have power over us, forgive us.
Remake us according to your grace.
Guide us in every step we take.
May your presence be the power in our lives;
may your love control our hearts and minds.

Help us to follow your Way, in the name of Christ,
and by the power of your Spirit in us. Amen.
(Unfoldinglight)

Lord, give us your Spirit, your Spirit that is love
Lord, fill us with your life, freely given for the world

Where children cry, let us wipe their tears away
And where children fall, let us raise them to their feet

Where there is pain, let us be your helping hands
And where there is grief, let us comfort with your love

Where people hate, let us dwell among them with love
And where people fight, let us bind their deepest wounds
(Sandy Hardiman)

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**.

Go now, and embrace the hope to which God has called us.
Recognise Christ in friend and stranger,
and as Christ has been gracious to you,
so be gracious to those in need.

And may God give you a place of rest on rich pasture;
May Christ Jesus be the shepherd king who binds your wounds;
And may the Holy Spirit give you wisdom
.....and reveal to you the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
.....***In the name of Christ. Amen.***
(Nathan Nettleton)

Christ has no body now but yours
No hands, no feet on Earth but yours
Yours are the eyes with which he sees
Yours are the feet with which he walks
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world:
Yours are the hands
(The Porter's Gate)

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