



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

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**Hear our prayer, we are Your children**

And we've gathered here today  
We've gathered here to pray  
Hear our cry, Lord we need Your mercy  
And we need Your grace today  
Hear us as we pray

*Our Father who art in heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Our Father hear us from heaven  
Forgive our sins we pray*

Hear our song, as it rises to heaven  
May Your glory fill the air  
As the waters cover the sea  
See our heart, and remove anything  
That is standing in the way  
Of coming to You today

And though we are few  
We're surrounded by many  
Who have crossed that river before  
And this is the song  
We'll be singing forever

Holy is The Lord  
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Holy is The Lord  
(Don Moen)

It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears,  
our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

**We come to this place, to hear the words of peace,  
of hope, of joy God speaks to us.**

It is in this place of discovery  
that we can come searching.

**We come to this place, to find  
the One who has been looking for us.**

It is in this place of openness  
that we can come knocking.

**We come to this place, to be embraced  
by the One whose heart is never locked. Amen**

(Thom Shuman)

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
and in these last days you have spoken to us  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us  
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
your Spirit ever renew our lives  
and your praises ever be on our lips.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven**

To His feet thy tribute bring  
Ransomed, healed, re-stored, forgiven  
Who like thee his praise should sing?  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress  
Praise Him still the same for ever  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness

Father like He tends and spares us  
Well our feeble frame He knows  
In His hands He gently bears us  
Rescues us from all our foes  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows

Angels help us to adore Him  
Ye behold Him face to face  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him  
Dwellers all in time and space

Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of Grace  
(Henry Francis Lyte & John Goss)

## **Keith - The Unsung Heroes of Norfolk**

### **A time of prayer**

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*cf Psalm 51 Amen.*

Brothers and sisters, hear the good news!  
God has forgiven your sins.  
Christ has utterly wiped out  
the damning evidence which hangs over our heads,  
and has rendered it powerless  
by nailing it over his own head on the cross.  
In Christ, we have new life,  
and a chance to begin again.

**Thanks be to God!**

(Based on Colossians 2)

God in community, holy in One, we pray as Jesus has taught us saying,

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!**

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden, encumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there

When we're worried for the future, afraid of danger everywhere  
If we're frightened by our neighbours, take it to the Lord in prayer  
Hiding behind a mask for safety, we should freely breathe the air  
Lord, we know You can defeat this, in Your mercy hear our prayer  
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### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians beginning at chapter 2 verse 6.**

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **For the joys and for the sorrows, the best and worst of times**

For this moment, for tomorrow, for all that lies behind  
Fears that crowd around me, for the failure of my plans  
For the dreams of all I hope to be, the truth of what I am

*For this I have Jesus, for this I have Jesus*

*For this I have Jesus, I have Jesus*

For the tears that flow in secret, in the broken times  
For the moments of elation, or the troubled mind  
For all the disappointments, or the sting of old regrets  
All my prayers and longings that seem unanswered yet

For the weakness of my body, the burdens of each day  
For the nights of doubt and worry, when sleep has fled away  
Needing reassurance, and the will to start again  
A steely eyed endurance, the strength to fight and win  
(Graham Kendrick)

### **A reading from the gospel according to Luke beginning at chapter 11 verse 1**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples. He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And Jesus said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him."

And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything."

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Come let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true**

Out of the heart of the Father above

Streaming to me and to you

Wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above

Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell, joyfully came

Came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell

Sharing their sorrow and shame

Seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet, why do they roam?  
Love only waits to forgive and forget  
Home, weary wanderer, home!  
Wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love, come and abide  
Lifting my life till it rises above  
Envy and falsehood and pride  
Seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of Thee  
(Robert Walmsley)

Just like you receive Christ Jesus the Lord,  
so go on living in him—in simple faith.  
Grow out of him as a plant grows out of the soil it is planted in—  
becoming more and more sure of your faith.  
If you do this,  
your lives will overflow with joy and thankfulness.  
And the mercy of God,  
the love of Jesus Christ,  
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit  
will surround you and uphold you  
wherever you go.  
Go in God's peace.  
(Based on Colossians 2)

**The world keeps turning, the days rush by**

Troubles rise like storms in the sky  
But in the quiet, I find my way  
I hear your voice when I kneel to pray

*When I kneel to pray, the chains fall down  
Grace like rivers washes out my doubt  
Your love surrounds me, my fears fade away  
Jesus, you're near when I kneel to pray*

I've wandered roads that led to pain  
Chased the wind, but lost my way again  
Still, you called me, you stayed the same  
Your mercy found me when I spoke your name

Every tear, you see them all  
You lift me up when I start to fall  
No matter where, no matter when  
You hear my heart, time and again  
(ElenAmor)