



**St Edmund's Church Taverham
and St Peter's Church Ringland
16th November 2025**

God I look to You, I won't be overwhelmed

Give me vision, to see things like You do
God I look to You, You're where my help comes from
Give me wisdom; You know just what to do

*I will love You Lord my strength
I will love You Lord my shield
I will love You Lord my rock
Forever, all my days I will love You God*

Hallelujah our God reigns
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Forever all my days Hallelujah
(Bethel Music)

Call to Worship

This day! This day we will give thanks to God,
who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

**This day! This day we will trust in the One who has saved us,
who strengthens us.**

This day! This day we dance to the fountain of life,
drinking deeply of salvation's goodness.

**This day! This day we praise our God for every blessing;
telling everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.**

This day! This day we sing God's praises;
testifying to all creation of our God.

**This day! This day our songs are filled with joy, for God is with us,
this day and in all the days to come!**

Prayer

(inspired by 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13)

God of all love and peace, we come to you in faith,
offering you access into every area of our lives.

We pray for this congregation:

May we not grow weary in doing good.

Keep us from idleness, that we may not be busybodies;

May we not grow weary in doing good.

Enable us to do our work quietly in a manner that pleases you;

May we not grow weary in doing good.

Grant us discernment to fulfil our vocations with industry and hard work;

May we not grow weary in doing good.

We look to you, Lord of all, mindful of our helplessness,

Glorify your name in the midst of our need.

(Oratio Contemplativa.)

God in community, holy in One, we pray 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.

Good and gracious, attributes of a loving Father

You're high and mighty but humble all the same

You have made the heavens and the earth

And You made us in Your image Lord

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty

And we rejoice in You alone for You are worthy

And You have given life to me

And I love to worship at Your feet

And I love to love You just for who You are

Death and hell are now no longer things I fear

Because You, You have saved me and I'm grateful to the core

I'm Your child because of Jesus' blood

And You Spirit leads me, guides me, fills me

I'm so grateful for the things You have given me

Your love, Your grace, Your joy, Your peace and more

Holy, holy, holy, holy

And I love to love You just for who You are

(Gareth Robinson)

A reading from the gospel according to Luke beginning at chapter 21 verse 5

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place? And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.'

10 Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want

In green pastures He makes me lie down
He restores my soul and leads me on
For His Name, for His great Name

*Surely goodness, surely mercy
Right beside me all my days
And I will dwell in Your house forever
And bless Your Holy Name*

You prepare a table right before me
In the presence of my enemies
Though the arrow flies and the terror of night
Is at my door, I'll trust you Lord

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
You are on my side
(Shane & Shane)

Affirmation of Faith

(inspired by Luke 21:5-19)

This I truly believe.

I believe in Jesus the Christ.
I believe in the ever-present Spirit
I believe in God whose love transforms all things.

Though false teachers come and delude the gullible,
God's truth remains sure.

Though temples crumble and churches wither,
God's gospel remains sure.

Though earthquakes strike and diseases ravage,
God's purpose remains sure.

Though good people suffer injustice and persecution,
God's love remains sure.

Though saints go to prison or face execution,
God's life remains sure.

I believe in God who treasures and nurtures us,
who yearns over the fate of each one as if they were all,
and who turns loss to gain and defeat to victory.
This I truly believe.

Amen!

(Bruce Prewer)

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)

We confess to each other and to You, our Creator,
that we fall short of being what we have been created to be,
what we have committed ourselves to be, disciples of the kingdom.

**Hear us, forgive us,
renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

We often seek out the easiest paths;
paths of least involvement in places where we might be uncomfortable,
or paths of self-centredness.

**Hear us, forgive us,
renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

Forgive us for getting so caught up in the world's trappings
and its false messages of hope
that we lose sight of the hope of the kingdom,
which brings healing and peace to a world in turmoil.

**Hear us, forgive us,
renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

In this time of worship may we resolve to become more kingdom-minded
to be your peacemakers here and now.

Amen.

(written by Marcia Plumb)

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Oh the beauty of the King

You make righteous those who seek
You have written and redeemed my story

*Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around
Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name
Let my life be a song, revealing who You are
For You are salt and light*

Oh the love that set me free
You bring hope to those in need
You have written and redeemed my story

For You are salt and light
You are love's great height
You are deep and wide, a consuming fire

For You are salt and light
You are salt and light
(Lauren Daigle)

Go now and tell the world what God does.
Do not chase after self-proclaimed messiahs,
but draw deeply from God's saving well

and speak the words the Spirit gives you.
Do not be weary in doing what is right.

And may God delight in you and give you strength;
May Christ Jesus lead you in the ways of new life;
And may the Holy Spirit give you the words and wisdom
to withstand all that would tear you down.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Beyond the stars, so vast and bright

God's love shines through the darkest night
A beacon so strong, a bright guiding ray
With us forever, come what may

In whispered winds and oceans so deep
His boundless grace our hearts shall keep
Through joy and sorrow, through calm and strife
His love's the thread that weaves through our lives

*Oh, God's love is forever true
In every heart, both old and new
A bright guiding light, strong gentle hands
Through all emotion, He understands*

No height or depth, no time or space
Can dim the warmth of His loving embrace
A touch so tender, so sacred a song
Within our hearts, it grows so strong

So let our souls in song arise
With grateful hearts and tear-filled eyes
For God's great love, so pure and sublime
Eternal, holy, forever mine

*Oh God's love, with us each day
Guiding our thoughts, our hands always
Fill our hearts with a tender embrace
Send us out, filled with Your grace*

God's love shines through the darkest of nights
His love's the thread that weaves through our lives
(Nick Moore)

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