

O bright triumphant faith,  
O courage void of fears!  
O love most strong in death,  
O penitential tears!  
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,  
And make us go where thou shalt call.

THE SERMON: The Reverend David Barnes, Rural Dean

#### COLLECTION HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou has been thou for ever wilt be.  
*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*all I have needed thy hand hath provided,*  
*great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
*Great is thy faithfulness! ...*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
*Great is thy faithfulness! ...*

#### THE BLESSING

You are most welcome to take this order of service home with you.

*Parish Church of St. Peter, Bekesbourne*  
**FLOWER FESTIVAL**  
EVENSONG for the eve of St. Peter's Day  
Sunday, 28th June, 1998

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#### HYMN

Christ is our Corner-stone,  
On him alone we build;  
With his true saints alone  
The courts of heaven are filled:  
On his great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.

O then with hymns of praise  
These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing;  
And thus proclaim  
In joyful song,  
Both loud and long  
That glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou  
For evermore draw nigh;  
Accept each faithful vow,  
And mark each suppliant sigh;  
In copious shower  
On all who pray  
Each holy day  
Thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven  
The grace which we implore ;  
And may that grace, once given,  
Be with us evermore,  
Until that day  
When all the blest  
To endless rest  
Are called away.

#### THE OPENING RESPONSES

##### PSALM 126

When the Lord turned again the cap'tivity of ' Sion : then were we '  
like unto ' them that ' dream.

2 Then was our mouth ' filled with ' laughter : and our ' tongue ' with  
' joy.

3 Then said they a'mong the ' heathen : The ' Lord hath done ' great  
things ' for them.

4 Yea the Lord hath done great things for ' us al'ready : where'of ' we  
re'joice.

5 Turn our cap'tivity O ' Lord : as the ' riv'ers ' in the ' south.

6 They that ' sow in ' tears : shall ' reap ' in ' joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth ' forth good '  
seed : shall doubtless come again with joy and ' bring his ' sheaves '  
with him.

Glory be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son : and ' to the ' Holy ' Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ' ever ' shall be : world  
without ' end.' A'men.

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34 vv. 11 - 16

##### MAGNIFICAT

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 16 vv. 13 - 19

##### NUNC DIMITTIS

#### CREED to THIRD COLLECT

##### ANTHEM

Blessed are the pure in heart  
for they shall see our God.  
The secret of the Lord is theirs,  
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
And for his dwelling and his throne  
Chooseth the pure in heart.

*Music: Walford Davies*

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

##### HYMN

"Thou art the Christ, O Lord,  
The Son of God most high!"  
For ever be adored  
That name in earth and sky,  
In which, though mortal strength may fail,  
The saints of God at last prevail.

O surely he was blest  
With blessedness unpriced,  
Who, taught of God, confessed  
The Godhead in the Christ!  
For of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own  
Thy saint a true foundation-stone.

Thrice fallen, thrice restored!  
The bitter lesson learnt,  
That heart for thee, O Lord,  
With triple ardour burnt.  
The cross he took he laid not down  
Until he grasped the martyr's crown.