

Unchanging God, who livest  
enthroned in realms on high,  
to men the power Thou givest  
Thy name to magnify.  
We raise the bells for ringing  
with ready mind and will,  
and come before thee, bringing  
our hearts, our strength, our skill.

*sung to Belfry Praise*

We call, from tower and steeple,  
upon the day of days,  
all faithful Christian people  
to worship, prayer and praise;  
We ring with joyous gladness  
when man and wife are blessed;  
We peal in muffled sadness  
for loved ones laid to rest.

By union free and willing  
the work of God is done;  
Our Master's prayer fulfilling,  
we would in Him be one:  
One, as the Church our Mother  
would have her children stand,  
befriending one another,  
a strong and steadfast band.

Our lives, like bells, while changing,  
an ordered course pursue;  
Through joys and sorrows ranging,  
may all those lives ring true.  
May we, through Christ forgiven,  
our faults and failures past,  
attain our place in heaven,  
called home to rest at last.

## **Blessing**



# **Essex Association of Change Ringers**

## **North West District**

We will praise the name of the Lord;  
ascribe greatness to our God.  
Lord, open our lips:

**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Deuteronomy 32.3; Psalm 51.15*

### **Psalm 150**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre,

<sup>4</sup> praise him with timbrel and dancing,  
praise him with the strings and pipe,

<sup>5</sup> praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.  
Praise the LORD.

We who ring the bells of churches  
pealing out their tunes of praise,  
gather now to ring the changes  
as our hearts and minds we raise.  
'Come and worship', bells are ringing,  
join us in our hymns of love,  
share with us our joyful singing  
from the earth to heav'n above.

As the bells are heard by people  
and they listen to their call  
ringing out from tower and steeple  
may they know God loves them all.  
So in every generation  
in town street and country lane  
bells ring over all the nation  
and their voices never wane.

Tell the praise of Him who calls us  
to proclaim the good news now  
of our Saviour Lord Christ Jesus,  
all the world before Him bow:  
Ring the tale of sins forgiven  
strength renewed and hope restored.  
As the bells on earth, with heaven  
praise and glorify our Lord !

**Bible reading:**

**Talk:**

*sung to Hyfrydol*

## **Prayers**

Prayers

Ringers' prayer

**O God, who has made all things well  
and given us so much in life to enjoy;  
we thank You for the art of bellringing  
for the skill of bell founders and craftsmen  
for the gift of music and sound  
and for every means by which our life  
and worship is enriched  
Bless the work of the Essex Association  
and of the North West District  
and help us to be good stewards of our gifts  
that we may glorify You in fuller dedication of ourselves  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**