

Ringers' service Jan 2024

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.
Let us rejoice and shout for joy,
and give God the glory.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Revelation 19.6

OR

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

¹ Praise the LORD.

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

² Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,

⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

Hymn [sung to Hyfrydol]

**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 (Sarah)

Prayers (PeteR)

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.**

Hymn [sung to 'Belfry Praise']

**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.

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.

Henry Charles Wilder, 1904

Blessing