

GILCOMSTON

Sunday, 3 January 2021

Today's preacher is:
Rev Jerry Middleton

...We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him
Matthew 2:2 (NIV)

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Welcome and Notices

Praise

His large and great dominion shall

Prayer

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Matthew 2:1-12

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EVENING SERVICE

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From the squalor of a borrowed stable

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Reading

Isaiah 33:1-6

Message

A Better Day Is Coming

The Sure Foundation

Praise

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

From the squalor of a borrowed stable, Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run
by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
His kingdom stretch
to the anguish
from shore to shore
and the shame of scandal
till sun shall rise and set no more.
came the Saviour of the human race!
Blessings abound where'er He reigns,
But the skies were filled
with the praise of heav'n
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
shepherds listen as the angels tell
of the Gift of God come down to man
and all the sons of want are blessed.
at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the friend of sinners,
humble servant in the Father's hands,
To our King be highest praise,
filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
rising through eternal days
filled with mercy for the broken man.
just and faithful He shall reign:
Yes, He walked my road
Jesus shall reign!
and He felt my pain,
joys and sorrows that I know so well;
yet His righteous steps
give me hope again
I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished
for a world's transgressions,
He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me,
loosing sinners
from the claims of hell;
and with a shout our souls are free
death defeated by Immanuel.

Now He's standing
in the place of honour,
crowned with glory
on the highest throne,
interceding for His own beloved
till His Father calls
to bring them home!
Then the skies will part
as the trumpet sounds
hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
but the bride will run
to her Saviour's arms,
giving glory to Immanuel!

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To our King be highest praise,
rising through eternal days
just and faithful He shall reign:
Jesus shall reign!

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on His love with sweetest song
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on His name.
To our King be highest praise...

Let every creature rise and bring
blessing and honour to our King.
Angels descend with songs again
and earth repeat the loud amen!
To our King be highest praise...

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EVENING

Joy has dawned upon the world,

promised from creation:
God's salvation now unfurled,
hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
not with scenes of glory,
but a humble gift of love:
Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
with the songs of angels,
as the mighty Prince of Life
shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
shaped the earth in darkness,
cling now to a mother's breast,
vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
gazing at the glory;
gifts of men from distant lands
prophesy the story.
Gold, a King is born today,
incense, God is with us,
myrrh, His death will make a way,
and by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
given as a ransom,
reconciling God and man,
Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Saviour, what a Friend,
what a glorious mystery:
once a babe in Bethlehem,
now the Lord of history.

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CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Sundays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Morning Service 11am
Evening Service 6.30pm

Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Lunchtime Service 12.45pm

Saturdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Prayer Meeting at 7pm

Also

9th Community Group Leaders' Meeting at 10am (may change!)

12th Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm

14th Congregational Meeting at 7pm

19th Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm

28th Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm

All Church Services (Sunday and Tuesday) will be available on the home page of our website, on Facebook or YouTube.

Seating on Sunday mornings is by allocation—please contact the church office if you're not already on the mailing list.

Seating on Sunday evenings is by booking via front page of the church website

<http://www.gilcomston.org/booking-seats-for-sunday-services/>

Prayer Meetings will take place via Zoom (please download Zoom Cloud Meetings to your smart phone or open a free account on your computer, then email rosie.mckie@gilcomston.org to be placed on the mailing list).

MORNING

His large and great dominion shall
from sea to sea extend:
it from the river shall reach forth
unto earth's utmost end.

The king of Tarshish, and the isles,
to Him shall presents bring;
and unto Him shall offer gifts
Sheba's and Seba's king.

Yea, all the mighty kings on earth
before Him down shall fall;
and all the nations of the world
do service to Him shall.

His Name for ever shall endure;
last like the sun it shall:
men shall be blest in Him, and blest
all nations shall Him call.

Now blessed be the Lord our God,
the God of Israel,
for He alone doth wondrous works,
in glory that excel.

And blessed be His glorious Name
to all eternity:
the whole earth let His glory fill.
Amen, so let it be.

Psalm 72

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek Thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at Thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
hallelujahs to our King.

William Chatterton Dix, 1837-98

**This Child secretly comes in the
night,**
oh this Child, hiding a heavenly light,
oh this Child,
coming to us like a stranger,
this heavenly Child.
*This Child, heaven come down now
to be with us here,
Heavenly love and mercy appear,
softly in awe and wonder come near,
this heavenly Child.*

This Child, rising on us like the sun
oh this child, given to light everyone,
oh this Child,
guiding our feet on the pathway
to peace on earth.
This Child, heaven come down now...

This Child,
raising the humble and poor,
oh this Child,
making the proud ones to fall,
this Child,
filling the hungry with good things,
this heavenly Child.
This Child, heaven come down now...

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By faith we see the hand of God;
in the light of creations grand design
in the lives of those
who prove His faithfulness;
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
with the power of His promise
in their hearts
of a Holy City
built by God's own hand:
a place where peace and justice reign.
*We will stand
as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished
and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed for Messiah
would appear
with the power to break
the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.
We will stand as ...

By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;
to deliver captives
and to preach good news,
in every corner of the earth.
We will stand ...

By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the gospel
shall prevail;
for we know in Christ
all things are possible
for all who call upon His name.
We will stand ...

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