

Sunday, 8 May 2022

Today's preacher is:
Jerry Middleton

...*In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree...*
Luke 2:1 (NIV)

Morning Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,
O earth, and all you heavens, rejoice;
from world to world the song shall ring:
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
resist His will, distrust His care
or quarrel with His wise decrees,
or doubt His royal promises?

The Lord is King! Child of the dust,
the Judge of all the earth is just;
holy and true are all His ways –
let every creature speak His praise!

He reigns! You saints, His praises sing:
your Father reigns, your God is King;
and Christ is seated at His side,
the Man of love, the Crucified.

One Lord, one kingdom, all secures:
He reigns, and life and death are yours;
through earth and heaven one song shall ring:
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

Josiah Conder 1789-1855

Prayer

Reading

Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Children's Talk

Praise

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened up to you.
Allelu, alleluia.

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Prayer

Praise

Were I to cross from land to land
and sail afar by sea,
descend the depths or climb the heights,
my Lord remains with me.

Before the blood ran in these veins
the days ordained for me
were written in Your book, O Lord
before I came to be.

I grieve to hear Your enemies
speak hatred, Lord, of You,
long though they scheme with ill intent,
their days are numbered too.

How precious are Your thoughts to me,
how countless, Lord, they are:
more than the shores have grains of sand,
more than the skies have stars.

Come search and test this heart, O Lord,
dispel each anxious thought
and lead me onward evermore
to tread the path I ought.

How blessed I am so bound with love,
surrounded yet so free.
In doubt or blessing, life or death,
my Lord remains with me.

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Prayer

Message

Jesus Reigns: Providence And Politics

Prayer

Praise

Lord of creation, to You be all praise!
Most mighty Your working, most wondrous Your ways!
Who reigns in great glory that tongue cannot tell,
yet deigns in the heart of the humble to dwell.

Lord of all power, I give You my will,
in joyful obedience Your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom; Your service is song;
and, held in Your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give You my mind,
rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by Your Spirit and shines from Your Word.

Lord of all bounty, I give You my heart;
I praise and adore You in whole not in part;
Your love to inflame me, Your counsel to guide,
Your presence to shield me, Your strength at my side.

Lord of all being, I give You my all,
for if I disown You, I stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service Your word to obey,
I walk in Your freedom to the end of the way.

Jack Copley Winslow 1882-1974
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Benediction

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

Evening Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God:
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above,
humbly You came to the earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship...

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.

So here I am to worship...

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Prayer

Reading

2 Timothy 4:9-18

⁹Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹²I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

¹⁴Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Praise

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may Your joy be seen in all I do—
love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth;
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.

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Prayer

Message

Life On The Heights: A Gospel Co-operative
2 Timothy 4:9-13

Prayer

Praise

O church arise, and put your armour on;
hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle-cry is love,
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,
an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues
till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in glory.

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Benediction

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Calendar for May

Sundays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Morning Service at 11am

Evening Service at 6.30pm

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

mainly music at 10am

ReLaunch at 12.30pm

Saturdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Prayer Meeting on Zoom at 7pm

Also

Tuesday 3 May: Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm in the Church Hall

Friday 6 May: Young Adults at 7.30pm, venue tbc

Sunday 8 May: Youth Group at 4pm at Alan and Elaine Cordiner's house

Tuesday 10 May: Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Friday 13 May: Youth Group at 7pm in the Church Hall; Young Adults at 7.30pm at Andrew and Jeanne Ritchie's house

Wednesday 18 May: Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Sunday 22 May: Youth Group after the morning service at Andrew and Jeanne Ritchie's house

Friday 27 May: Youth Group at 7pm at the Duthie Park

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

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