

Sunday, 15 May 2022

Today's preacher is:
Jerry Middleton

*Amazed and perplexed they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'...
Acts 2:12 (NIV)*

Morning Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

Praise ye the Lord; for it is good

praise to our God to sing:
for it is pleasant, and to praise
it is a comely thing.

God doth build up Jerusalem;
and He it is alone
that the dispers'd of Israel
doth gather into one.

Those that are broken in their heart,
and grieved in their minds,
He healeth, and their painful wounds
He tenderly up-binds.

He counts the number of the stars;
He names them ev'ry one.
Great is our Lord, and of great pow'r;
His wisdom search can none.

Psalm 147v1-5

Prayer

Reading

Acts 2:1-12

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Children's Talk

Praise

For God so loved the world

He gave His only Son,
and whoever believes in Him
shall not die but have eternal life.

L is for the love that He has for me
I am the reason He died on the tree

F is for forgiveness and now I am free,
E is to enjoy being in His company.

*John Hardwick
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Prayer

Praise

Facing a task unfinished,
that drives us to our knees,
a need that, undiminished,
rebukes our slothful ease.
We who rejoice to know Thee,
renew before Thy throne
the solemn pledge we owe Thee,
to go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee
hold their unhindered sway,
where forces that defied Thee
defy Thee still today.
With none to heed their crying
for life, and love, and light,
unnumbered souls are dying,
and pass into the night.
*We go to all the world,
with kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save
but Jesus Christ the Lord.*

We bear the torch, that flaming,
fell from the hands of those
who gave their lives, proclaiming
that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
the same glad message ours,
fired by the same ambition,
to Thee we yield our powers.
We go to all the world..

O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them
to toil with zeal untired,
from cowardice defend us,
from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us,
to labour for Thy sake.
*We go to all the world,
His kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save
but Jesus Christ the Lord.*

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Message

Jesus Reigns: God's New Nation

Prayer

Praise

By faith we see the hand of God;

in the light of creation's 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.

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 as children of the promise...

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 as children of the promise...

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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

The Saviour died, but rose again

triumphant from the grave;
and pleads our cause at God's right hand,
omnipotent to save.

Who then can e'er divide us more
from Jesus and His love,
or break the sacred chain that binds
the earth to heav'n above?

Let troubles rise, and terrors frown,
and days of darkness fall;
through Him all dangers we'll defy,
and more than conquer all.

Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell,
nor time's destroying sway,
can e'er efface us from His heart,
or make His love decay.

Each future period that will bless,
as it has bless'd the past;
He lov'd us from the first of time,
He loves us to the last.

Paraphrase 48 v5-9

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

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,

He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
And I will trust in you alone....

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in you alone....

Stuart Townend

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Prayer

Message

Life On The Heights: Serving The Lord

Prayer

Praise

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but You are mighty,
hold me with Your powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to You,
I will ever sing to You.

William Williams, 1717-91 and Peter Williams 1723-96

Benediction

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

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

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