



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 11 September

***..the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ...
Colossians 1:2***

Morning Service

Simply The Best: The Best Place

Colossians 1:1-7

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All within that holy city
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
sing, in perfect harmony;
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**We as living stones implore You:
come among us, Lord, today!
With Your promised loving-kindness
hear Your people as we pray;
and the fullness of Your blessing
in our fellowship display.**

**Here entrust to all Your servants
what we long from You to gain —
that on earth and in the heavens
we Your people shall remain,
till united in Your glory
evermore with You we reign.**

**Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One:
one in power and one in glory
while eternal ages run.**

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Prayer

Colossians 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—

Colossians 1:1-7

⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf.

Children's Talk

**Jesus wants me to be a bright light shining
in the darkness so people can see.
Jesus wants me to be a brave flame burning
with His love as He wants me to be.**

**Though it's hard, I know when the feelings go
and the darkness is pressing me in,
but I'll carry on for His love is strong,
it's His light that will make me shine,
it's His light that will make me shine.**

Crawford Mackenzie

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Prayer

**From the breaking of the dawn
to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save,
that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**When I stumble and I sin,
condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
You are faithful to forgive
that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored,
You remember sins no more—
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**When I'm faced with anguished choice,
I will listen for Your voice,
and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
And You've promised to complete
ev'ry work begun in me—
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**Hope that lifts me from despair,
love that casts out ev'ry fear,
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe—
we will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

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Message

Simply The Best

The Best Place

Colossians 1:1-7

Prayer

**We won't fear the battle,
we won't fear the night.**

We will walk the valley, with You by our side.

You will go before us,

You will lead the way,

we have found a refuge, only You can save.

*Sing with joy now: our God is for us,
the Father's love
is a strong and mighty fortress.*

Raise your voice now, no love is greater.

Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

**Even when I stumble,
even when I fall,
even when I turn back, still Your love is sure.
You will not abandon,
You will not forsake,
You will cheer me onward
with never ending grace.**

*Sing with joy now: our God is for us,
the Father's love
is a strong and mighty fortress.*

Raise your voice now, no love is greater.

Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

**Neither height nor depth can separate us,
hell and death will not defeat us,
He who gave His Son to free us
holds me in His love.**

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He who gave His Son to free us
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***Sing with joy now: our God is for us,
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Raise your voice now, no love is greater.
Who can stand against us if our God is for us?***

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

Evening Service

Spiralling Down: A Collapsing Culture

2 Kings 15: 8-31

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Come, let us to the Lord our God
with contrite hearts return;
our God is gracious, nor will leave
the desolate to mourn.**

**His voice commands the tempest forth,
and stills the stormy wave;
and though His arm be strong to smite,
'tis also strong to save.**

**Long hath the night of sorrow reigned,
the dawn shall bring us light:
God shall appear, and we shall rise
with gladness in His sight.**

**Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
shall know Him, and rejoice;
His coming like the morn shall be,
like morning songs His voice.**

**As dew upon the tender herb,
diffusing fragrance round;
as showers that usher in the spring,
and cheer the thirsty ground;**

**So shall His presence bless our souls,
and shed a joyful light;
that hallowed morn shall chase away
the sorrows of the night.**

John Morison 1750-98

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Prayer

2 Kings 15. 8-31

⁸ In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah son of Jeroboam became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned six months. ⁹ He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, as his predecessors had done. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit.

¹⁰ Shallum son of Jabesh conspired against Zechariah. He attacked him in front of the people, assassinated him and succeeded him as king. ¹¹ The other events of Zechariah's reign are written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel.

2 Kings 15. 8-31

¹² So the word of the LORD spoken to Jehu was fulfilled: “Your descendants will sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.”

¹³ Shallum son of Jabesh became king in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah, and he reigned in Samaria one month. ¹⁴ Then Menahem son of Gadi went from Tirzah up to Samaria. He attacked Shallum son of Jabesh in Samaria, assassinated him and succeeded him as king.

2 Kings 15. 8-31

¹⁵ The other events of Shallum's reign, and the conspiracy he led, are written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel.

¹⁶ At that time Menahem, starting out from Tirzah, attacked Tiphseh and everyone in the city and its vicinity, because they refused to open their gates. He sacked Tiphseh and ripped open all the pregnant women.

¹⁷ In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem son of Gadi became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria ten years.

2 Kings 15. 8-31

¹⁸ He did evil in the eyes of the LORD. During his entire reign he did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit.

¹⁹ Then Pul king of Assyria invaded the land, and Menahem gave him a thousand talents of silver to gain his support and strengthen his own hold on the kingdom. ²⁰ Menahem exacted this money from Israel.

Every wealthy person had to contribute fifty shekels of silver to be given to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria withdrew and stayed in the land no longer.

2 Kings 15. 8-31

²¹ As for the other events of Menahem's reign, and all he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel? ²² Menahem rested with his ancestors. And Pekahiah his son succeeded him as king.

²³ In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah son of Menahem became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned two years. ²⁴ Pekahiah did evil in the eyes of the LORD. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit.

2 Kings 15. 8-31

²⁵ One of his chief officers, Pekah son of Remaliah, conspired against him. Taking fifty men of Gilead with him, he assassinated Pekahiah, along with Argob and Arieah, in the citadel of the royal palace at Samaria. So Pekah killed Pekahiah and succeeded him as king.

²⁶ The other events of Pekahiah's reign, and all he did, are written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel.

²⁷ In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah son of Remaliah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned twenty years.

2 Kings 15. 8-31

²⁸ He did evil in the eyes of the LORD. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit.

²⁹ In the time of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel Beth Maakah, Janoah, Kedesh and Hazor. He took Gilead and Galilee, including all the land of Naphtali, and deported the people to Assyria. ³⁰ Then Hoshea son of Elah conspired against Pekah son of Remaliah.

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He attacked and assassinated him, and then succeeded him as king in the twentieth year of Jotham son of Uzziah.

³¹ As for the other events of Pekah's reign, and all he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel?

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**O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!**

**Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and His word?**

**What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.**

**Return, O Holy Dove! Return,
sweet messenger of rest!**

**I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
and drove Thee from my breast.**

**The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from Thy throne,
and worship only Thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.**

William Cowper 1731-1800

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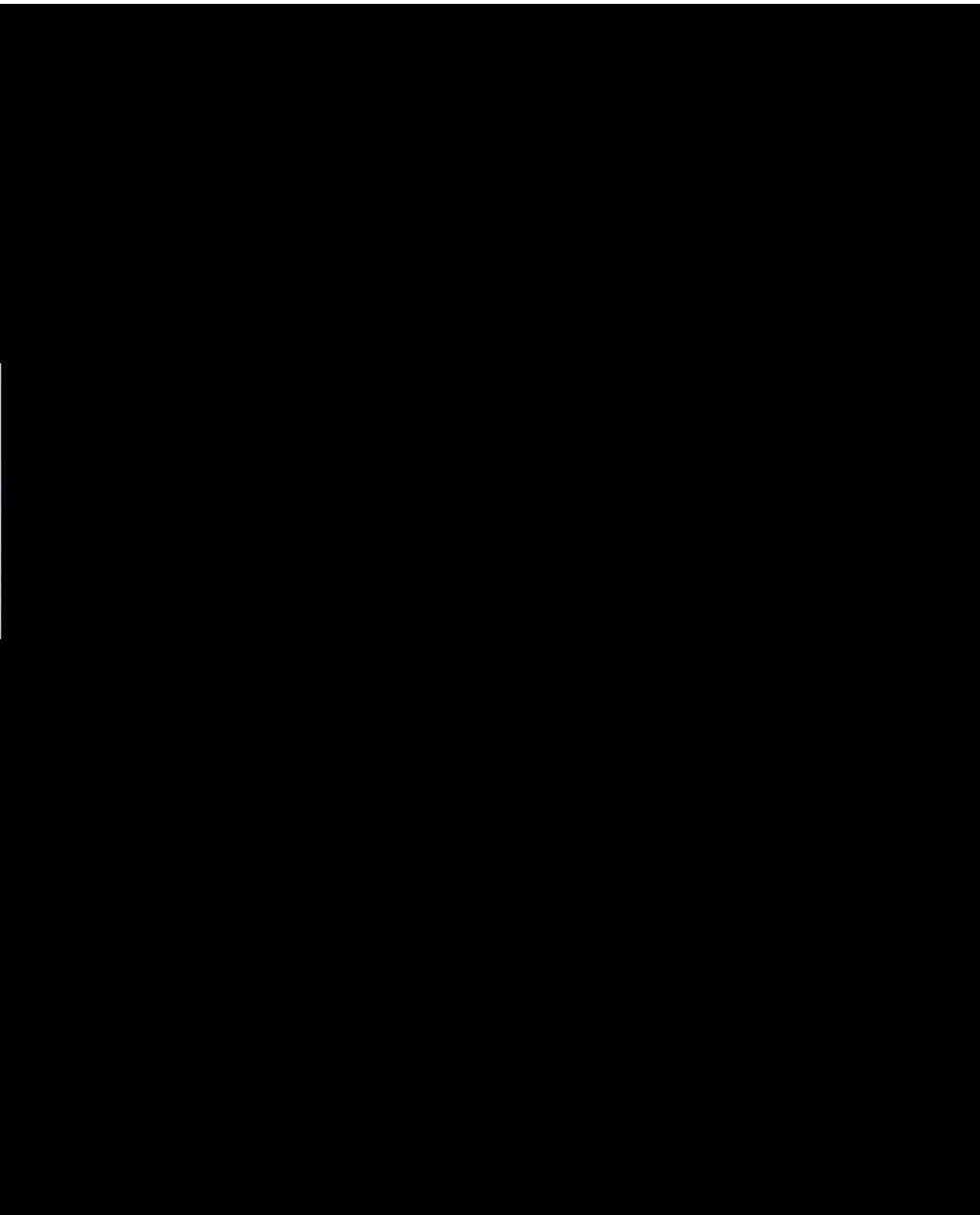
Prayer

Message

**Spiralling Down
A Collapsing Culture
2 Kings 15:8-31**



'Spiralling down'



Prayer

**My soul finds rest in God alone,
my rock and my salvation,
a fortress strong against my foes,
and I will not be shaken.**

**Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,
I'll look to Him who hears me.**

***O praise Him, hallelujah;
my delight and my reward:
everlasting, never failing;
my Redeemer, my God.***

**Find rest my soul in God alone
amid the world's temptations.**

**When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation.**

**Though riches come and riches go
don't set your heart upon them.**

**The fields of hope in which I sow
are harvested in heaven.**

***O praise Him, hallelujah;
my delight and my reward:
everlasting, never failing;
my Redeemer, my God.***

**I'll set my gaze on God alone
and trust in Him completely.
With every day pour out my soul
and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath
a sigh too brief to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death
and I am His forever.**

***O praise Him, Hallelujah;
my delight and my reward:
everlasting, never failing;
my Redeemer, my God.***

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Amen.**

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