



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 18 September

*..the gospel is bearing fruit and growing
throughout the whole world...*

Colossians 1:6

Morning Service

Simply The Best: The Best Kingdom

Colossians 1:3-14

Rev Jerry Middleton

**All people that on earth do dwell
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
come now before Him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make:
we are His flock, He doth us feed,
and for His sheep He doth us take.**

**We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs,
high as the heavens our voices raise;
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.**

**Wide as the world is Thy command,
vast as eternity Thy love;
firm as a rock Thy truth must stand,
when rolling years shall cease to move.**

William Kethe c1593

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Prayer

Colossians 1: 3-14

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

Colossians 1:3-14

⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

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¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Children's Talk

**Come follow Jesus, He's 'The Champion',
we're on the winning side.**

**He is our trainer, coach and captain,
the Bible is our guide.**

**He took our place because He loves us,
He takes our sins away.
Where He leads us we will follow,
what He says, we will obey.**

**We want to live and work for Jesus,
our Saviour and our King.**

**We want to give our best to serve Him.
To us He's everything.**

**He died so we could be forgiven,
by faith we've been made new.
Oh, His love is so amazing,
won't you come and follow Him too?**

Joan Crooks

Prayer

**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

**Simply The Best
The Best Kingdom
Colossians 1:3-14**

Prayer

**Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy chosen King
through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Son of God
before the worlds began;
and ye who tread where He hath trod,
crown Him the Son of Man,
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for His own,
that all in Him may rest.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife,
for those He came to save:**

**His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown Him the King to whom is given
the wondrous name of love:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of lords,
who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light,
where saints with angels sing
their songs before Him day and night,
their God, Redeemer, King.**

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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:
The Gospel According To Jerry**

1 Kings 12: 26-33

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Come, people of the Risen King,
who delight to bring Him praise;
come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.**

***Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.**

***Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

**Come, young and old from every land -
men and women of the faith;
come, those with full or empty hands -
find the riches of His grace.**

**Over all the world, His people sing -
shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age:
“Our God is all in all”!**

***Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

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Prayer

I Kings 12. 26-33

²⁶ Jeroboam thought to himself, “The kingdom will now likely revert to the house of David. ²⁷ If these people go up to offer sacrifices at the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem, they will again give their allegiance to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah. They will kill me and return to King Rehoboam.”

²⁸ After seeking advice, the king made two golden calves. He said to the people, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.” ²⁹ One he set up in Bethel, and the other in Dan.

I Kings 12. 26-33

³⁰ And this thing became a sin; the people came to worship the one at Bethel and went as far as Dan to worship the other.

³¹ Jeroboam built shrines on high places and appointed priests from all sorts of people, even though they were not Levites. ³² He instituted a festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the festival held in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. This he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves he had made. And at Bethel he also installed priests at the high places he had made.

I Kings 12. 26-33

³³ On the fifteenth day of the eighth month, a month of his own choosing, he offered sacrifices on the altar he had built at Bethel. So he instituted the festival for the Israelites and went up to the altar to make offerings.

**Great is the gospel of our glorious God,
where mercy met the anger of God's rod;
a penalty was paid and pardon bought
and sinners lost at last to Him were brought:**

*O let the praises of my heart be Thine,
for Christ has died that I may call Him mine,
that I may sing with those who dwell above,
adoring, praising Jesus, King of love.*

**Great is the mystery of godliness,
great is the work of God's own holiness;
it moves my soul and causes me to long
for greater joys than to the earth belong:**

***O let the praises of my heart be Thine,
for Christ has died that I may call Him mine,
that I may sing with those who dwell above,
adoring, praising Jesus, King of love.***

**The Spirit vindicated Christ our Lord,
and angels sang with joy and sweet accord;
the nations heard,
a dark world flamed with light -
when Jesus rose in glory and in might:**

*O let the praises of my heart be Thine,
for Christ has died that I may call Him mine,
that I may sing with those who dwell above,
adoring, praising Jesus, King of love.*

W. Vernon Higham

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Prayer

Message

**Spiralling Down
The Gospel According To Jerry
1 Kings 12:26-33**



‘Spiralling down’

Prayer

**Lord, who in Thy perfect wisdom
times and seasons dost arrange,
working out Thy changeless purpose
in a world of ceaseless change;
Thou didst form our ancient nation,
guiding it through all the days,
to unfold in it Thy purpose
to Thy glory and Thy praise.**

**To our shores remote, benighted,
barrier of the western waves,
tidings in Thy love Thou sentest
tidings of the cross that saves.**

**Saints and heroes strove and suffered
here Thy gospel to proclaim;
we, the heirs of their endeavour,
tell the honour of their name.**

**Still Thine ancient purpose standeth
every change and chance above;
still Thine ancient Church remaineth,
witness to Thy changeless love.
Grant us vision, Lord, and courage
to fulfil Thy work begun;
in the Church and in the nation,
King of kings, Thy will be done.**

Timothy Rees, 1874-1939 (altered)
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the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**

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