



# Gilcomston Church

**Sunday 23 October**

***..so that we may present everyone fully  
mature in Christ...  
Colossians 1.28***

# **Morning Service**

**Simply The Best: The Best Job**

**Colossians 1:24 – 2:5**

**Rev Jerry Middleton**

**You servants of God,  
your master proclaim,  
and tell out abroad  
His wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious  
of Jesus extol,  
His kingdom is glorious,  
and rules over all.**

**God rules in the height,  
almighty to save –  
though hid from our sight,  
His presence we have;  
the great congregation  
His triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation  
to Jesus our King.**

**‘Salvation to God  
who sits on the throne!’  
let all cry aloud,  
and honour the Son’;  
the praises of Jesus  
the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces  
and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore  
and give Him His right;  
all glory and power,  
all wisdom and might,  
all honour and blessing,  
with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing  
and infinite love.**

*Charles Wesley 1707-88*

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# Prayer

# Colossians 1.24-2.5

<sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. <sup>25</sup> I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. <sup>27</sup> To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

# Colossians 1:24-2:5

<sup>28</sup> He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

<sup>2</sup> I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. <sup>2</sup> My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding,

# Colossians 1.24-2.5

in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

# Children's Talk

**When the Father made us  
He knew we'd run from Him  
and try to hide our sin.  
But He wanted to save us,  
His own were on His heart  
before He made the stars.**

*Oh, oh, no one is good, not even one.*

*But God can make us daughters,*

*God can make us sons.*

*Jesus paid the price when He offered up His life  
so we could be part of God's great family.*

**When the Father draws us  
it's like a magnet's pull.**

**He's irresistible!**

**When the Spirit calls us  
He brings the dead to life  
He gives the blind new eyes.**

*Oh, oh, no one is good, not even one.*

*But God can make us daughters,*

*God can make us sons.*

*Jesus paid the price when He offered up His life  
so we could be part of God's great family.*

**When He calls, when He draws  
we are His forever.**

**He will never let you go,  
He will never let you go.**

**When He calls, when He draws  
we are His forever.**

**He will never let you go,  
He will never let you go.**

***Oh, oh, no one is good, not even one.  
But God can make us daughters,  
God can make us sons.  
Jesus paid the price when He offered up His life  
so we could be part of God's great family.***

***Jon Althoff and Bob Kauflin***

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**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied-  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious Day  
up from the grave He rose again.**

**And as He stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine –  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

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# Message

**Simply The Best: The Best Job**  
**Colossians 1:24 – 2:5**

# Prayer

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us Your humble dwelling,  
all Your faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, You are all compassion,  
boundless love that makes us whole;  
visit us with Your salvation,  
enter every trembling soul.**

**Breathe on us Your loving Spirit;  
every troubled heart be blessed:  
let us all in You inherit,  
let us find Your promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning,  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all Your grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more Your temples leave.  
You we would be always blessing,  
serve You as Your hosts above,  
pray, and praise You, without ceasing,  
glory in Your perfect love.**

**Finish then Your new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Your great salvation,  
perfect in eternity,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before You,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

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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**

**Lessons In Leadership**  
**Bold Leadership**  
**Joshua 1:1-11**

**O come, and let us to the Lord  
in songs our voices raise,  
with joyful noise let us the Rock  
of our salvation praise.**

**Let us before His presence come  
with praise and thankful voice;  
let us sing psalms to Him with grace,  
and make a joyful noise.**

**The Lord's a great God, and great King  
above all gods He is;  
depths of the earth are in His hand,  
the strength of hills is His.**

**To Him the spacious sea belongs,  
for He the same did make;  
the dry land also from His hands  
its form at first did take.**

**O come and let us worship Him,  
let us bow down withal,  
and on our knees before the Lord  
our Maker let us fall.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, and is,  
and shall be evermore.**

***Psalm 95***

# Prayer

# Joshua 1. 1-11

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: <sup>2</sup> "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup> I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. <sup>4</sup> Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

# Joshua 1. 1-11

<sup>5</sup> No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

<sup>7</sup> “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

# Joshua 1. 1-11

**<sup>8</sup> Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”**

**<sup>10</sup> So Joshua ordered the officers of the people:**

# Joshua 1. 1-11

**11 “Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.’”**

**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**

**Lessons In Leadership**  
**Bold Leadership**  
**Joshua 1:1-11**

# 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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*Sing with joy now: our God is for us,  
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is a strong and mighty fortress.  
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Who can stand against us if our God is for us?*

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