



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 13 November

*..you have taken off your old self...and put
on the new self
Colossians 3.9,10*

Morning Service

Simply The Best: The Best Way

Colossians 3:5-17

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Behold! the mountain of the Lord
in latter days shall rise
on mountain tops above the hills,
and draw the wondering eyes.**

**To this the joyful nations round,
all tribes and tongues, shall flow;
up to the hill of God, they'll say,
and to His house we'll go.**

**The beam that shines from Zion hill
shall lighten every land;
the King who reigns in Salem's Towers
shall all the world command.**

**Among the nations He shall judge;
His judgments truth shall guide;
His sceptre shall protect the just,
and quell the sinner's pride.**

**No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds
disturb those peaceful years;
to ploughshares men
shall beat their swords,
to pruning-hooks their spears.**

**Come then, O house of Jacob! Come
to worship at His shrine;
and, walking in the light of God,
with holy beauties shine.**

Scottish Paraphrases, 1781.

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Prayer

Colossians 3:15-17

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Colossians 3:15-17

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Silence

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be Thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

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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

**May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by His love and power controlling
all I do or say.**

**May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through His power.**

**May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me,
as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
this is victory.**

**May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking all the while to Jesus,
as I onward go.**

**May His beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the servant
seeing only Him.**

*Katie Barclay Wilkinson 1859-1928
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Message

Simply The Best: The Best Way
Colossians 3:5-17

Prayer

**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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**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
Future-Proofing Our Gospel Work
Acts 20:17-21**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;**

**the earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow:
let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'**

Let all the world in every corner sing,

‘My God and King!’

The church with psalms must shout –

no door can keep them out;

**but above all, the heart
must bear the longest part:
let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'**

George Herbert 1593-1633

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Prayer

Acts 20.17-31

¹⁷ From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ When they arrived, he said to them: “You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. ¹⁹ I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. ²⁰ You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.

Acts 20.17-31

²¹ I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

²² “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

Acts 20. 17-31

²⁵ “Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁶ Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. ²⁷ For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. ²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

Acts 20.17-31

³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

**Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of Your tone;
as You have sought, so let me seek
Your wandering children lost, alone.**

**O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the stumbling and the straying feet;
and feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Your hungry ones with manna sweet.**

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths that You impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**O fill me with Your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
Your love to tell, Your praise to show.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as You will, and when, and where,
until at last Your face I see,
Your rest, Your joy, Your glory share.**

Frances Ridley Havergal 1836-79
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Prayer

Message

**Lessons In Leadership
Future-Proofing Our Gospel Work
Deuteronomy 6:7-9**

**O God of Bethel! By whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
who through this weary pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led:**

**Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before Thy throne of grace:
God of our fathers! Be the God
of their succeeding race.**

**Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.**

**O spread Thy covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.**

**Such blessings from Thy gracious hand
our humble prayers implore;
and Thou shalt be our chosen God,
and portion evermore.**

Michael Bruce, 1746-67

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Church Calendar

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