



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 27 November

*..a dear brother, a faithful minister and
fellow-servant in the Lord...*

Colossians 4.7

Morning Service

Simply The Best: The Best Friends

Colossians 4:2-18

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

Colossians 4:2-6

² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Colossians 4:2-6

⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

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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Prayer

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living
as the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the Church the mind of Christ;
You we praise with endless worship
for Your fruits and gifts unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working
through the Church's ministry;
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.**

Timothy Rees 1874-1939

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Message

**Simply The Best: The Best Friends
Colossians 4:2-18**

Prayer

**O church arise, and put your armour on;
hear the call of Christ our captain.**

**For now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.**

**With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;**

**an army bold, whose battle-cry is love,
reaching out to those in darkness.**

**Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword
that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,
an inheritance of nations.**

**Come see the cross,
where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!**

**And as the stone is rolled away,
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues till the day
ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**

**So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in glory.**

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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
Birthing A New Day
2 Samuel 23:1-17**

**O sing a new song to the Lord,
for wonders He hath done:
His right hand and His holy arm
Him victory hath won.**

**The Lord God His salvation
hath caused to be known;
His justice in the heathen's sight
He openly hath shown.**

**He mindful of His grace and truth
to Isr'el's house hath been;
and the salvation of our God
all ends of th' earth have seen.**

**Let all the earth unto the Lord
send forth a joyful noise;
lift up your voice aloud to Him,
sing praises, and rejoice.**

Psalm 98 v 1-4

Prayer

2 Samuel 23. 1-17

These are the last words of David:
“The inspired utterance of David
son of Jesse,

the utterance of the man
exalted by the Most High,
the man anointed by the God of
Jacob,

the hero of Israel’s songs:

² “The Spirit of the LORD spoke
through me;

his word was on my tongue.

³ The God of Israel spoke,

the Rock of Israel said to me:

‘When one rules over people in
righteousness,

when he rules in the fear of God,

2 Samuel 23. 1-17

⁴ he is like the light of morning at sunrise

on a cloudless morning,
like the brightness after rain
that brings grass from the earth.'

⁵ "If my house were not right with God,

surely he would not have made
with me an everlasting covenant,
arranged and secured in every
part;

surely he would not bring to fruition
my salvation

and grant me my every desire.

⁶ But evil men are all to be cast
aside like thorns,

which are not gathered with the
hand.

2 Samuel 23. 1-17

**⁷ Whoever touches thorns
uses a tool of iron or the shaft of
a spear;
they are burned up where they
lie.”**

**⁸ These are the names of David’s
mighty warriors:
Josheb-Basshebeth, a
Tahkemonite, was chief of the
Three; he raised his spear against
eight hundred men, whom he
killed in one encounter.**

**⁹ Next to him was Eleazar son of
Dodai the Ahohite. As one of the
three mighty warriors,**

2 Samuel 23. 1-17

he was with David when they taunted the Philistines gathered at Pas Dammim for battle. Then the Israelites retreated, ¹⁰ but Eleazar stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword.

The LORD brought about a great victory that day. The troops returned to Eleazar, but only to strip the dead.

¹¹ Next to him was Shammah son of Agee the Hararite. When the Philistines banded together at a place where there was a field full of lentils, Israel's troops fled from them.

2 Samuel 23. 1-17

¹² But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down, and the LORD brought about a great victory.

¹³ During harvest time, three of the thirty chief warriors came down to David at the cave of Adullam, while a band of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. ¹⁴ At that time David was in the stronghold, and the Philistine garrison was at Bethlehem. ¹⁵ David longed for water and said, “Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!”

2 Samuel 23. 1-17

¹⁶ So the three mighty warriors broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the LORD. ¹⁷ “Far be it from me, LORD, to do this!” he said. “Is it not the blood of men who went at the risk of their lives?” And David would not drink it. Such were the exploits of the three mighty warriors.

**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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Prayer

**Lord, for the years
Your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us;
Lord of the word,
receive Your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed
by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old,
for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world,
when we disown and doubt Him,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without Him;
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves,
in living power remake us -
self on the cross
and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Timothy Dudley Smith

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the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**

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