



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 11 December

*..the Son of man came to seek and to save
the lost...
Luke 19:10*

Morning Service

**To Seek And To Save The Lost
The Christmas Tree!**

Luke 19:1-10

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Joy has dawned upon the world,
promised from creation:
God's salvation now unfurled,
hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
not with scenes of glory,
but a humble gift of love:
Jesus born of Mary.**

**Sounds of wonder fill the sky
with the songs of angels,
as the mighty Prince of Life
shelters in a stable.**

**Hands that set each star in place,
shaped the earth in darkness,
cling now to a mother's breast,
vulnerable and helpless.**

**Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
gazing at the glory;
gifts of men from distant lands
prophecy the story.**

**Gold, a King is born today,
incense, God is with us,
myrrh, His death will make a way,
and by His blood He'll win us.**

**Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
given as a ransom,
reconciling God and man,
Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Saviour, what a Friend,
what a glorious mystery:
once a babe in Bethlehem,
now the Lord of history.**

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Prayer



Luke 19.1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.



Luke 19.1-10

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”





Luke 19.1-10

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Children's Talk

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus
lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
look down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.**

I love You, Lord Jesus!

**Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask You to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in Your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with You there.**

Anonymous

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Prayer

**Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say, News! News!**

Jesus Christ is born today.

**Ox and ass before Him bow,
and He is in the manger now.**

Christ is born today!

Christ is born today!

**Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss, Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this.
He hath oped the heavenly door,
and all are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave, Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save.
Calls you one, and calls you all,
to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!**

Message

The Christmas Tree!
Luke 19:1-10

Prayer

He is born, our Lord and Saviour:

He is born, our heav'nly King:

give Him honour, give Him glory,

earth rejoice and heaven sing!

Born to be our sanctuary,

born to bring us light and peace;

for our sins to bring forgiveness,

from our guilt to bring release.

**He who is from everlasting
now becomes th'incarnate Word;
He whose name endures for ever
Now is born the Son of God:
born to bear our griefs and sorrows,
born to banish hate and strife;
born to bear the sin of many,
born to give eternal life!**

**Hail, the Holy One of Israel,
chosen heir to David's throne;
hail the brightness of His rising -
to His light the Gentiles come:
plunderer of Satan's kingdom,
downfall of his evil pow'r;
rescuer of all His people,
conqueror in death's dark hour!**

**He shall rule with righteous judgement,
and His godly rule extend;
~governor among the nations,
His great kingdom has no end:
He shall reign, the King of glory,
higher than the kings of earth - alleluia, alleluia!
Praise we now His holy birth!**

Jimmy Owens

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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
The Shepherd King
Micah 4:6 – 5:6

**Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

**Sages, leave your contemplations
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen His natal star;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

**Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly, the Lord, descending,
in His temple shall appear;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

**Sinners, brought to true repentance,
bound by sin to endless pains,
justice now revokes the sentence,
mercy calls you – break your chains;**

***Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

James Montgomery, 1777-1854

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Prayer

**Lord, You were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;
leaving Your throne in glad surrender,
sapphire paved courts for stable floor:
Lord, You were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor.**

**You are our God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man
stooping so low, but sinners raising
heavenwards, by Your eternal plan:
You are our God beyond all praising,
yet for love's sake, became a man.**

**Lord, You are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship You;
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us and keep us pure and true:
Lord You are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship You.**

F. Houghton 1894-1972

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Micah 4.6-5.6

⁶ “In that day,” declares the LORD,
“I will gather the lame;
I will assemble the exiles
and those I have brought to grief.

⁷ I will make the lame my remnant,
those driven away a strong
nation.

The LORD will rule over them in
Mount Zion
from that day and forever.

⁸ As for you, watchtower of the
flock,

stronghold of Daughter Zion,
the former dominion will be
restored to you;

kingship will come to Daughter
Jerusalem.”

Micah 4.6-5.6

⁹ Why do you now cry aloud—
have you no king?
Has your ruler perished,
that pain seizes you like that of a
woman in labour?

¹⁰ Writhe in agony, Daughter Zion,
like a woman in labour,
for now you must leave the city
to camp in the open field.
You will go to Babylon;
there you will be rescued.
There the LORD will redeem you
out of the hand of your enemies.

¹¹ But now many nations
are gathered against you.
They say, “Let her be defiled,
let our eyes gloat over Zion!”

Micah 4.6-5.6

**¹² But they do not know
the thoughts of the LORD;
they do not understand his plan,
that he has gathered them like
sheaves to the threshing floor.**

**¹³ “Rise and thresh, Daughter Zion,
for I will give you horns of iron;
I will give you hooves of bronze,
and you will break to pieces
many nations.”**

**You will devote their ill-gotten gains
to the LORD,
their wealth to the Lord of all the
earth.**

Micah 4.6-5.6

Marshal your troops now, city of troops,

for a siege is laid against us.

**They will strike Israel's ruler
on the cheek with a rod.**

**² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the
clans of Judah,**

out of you will come for me

**one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times."**

**³ Therefore Israel will be
abandoned**

**until the time when she who is in
labour bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return
to join the Israelites.**

Micah 4.6-5.6

4 He will stand and shepherd his flock

**in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of
the LORD his God.**

**And they will live securely, for then
his greatness**

**will reach to the ends of the
earth.**

**5 And he will be our peace
when the Assyrians invade our
land**

**and march through our
fortresses.**

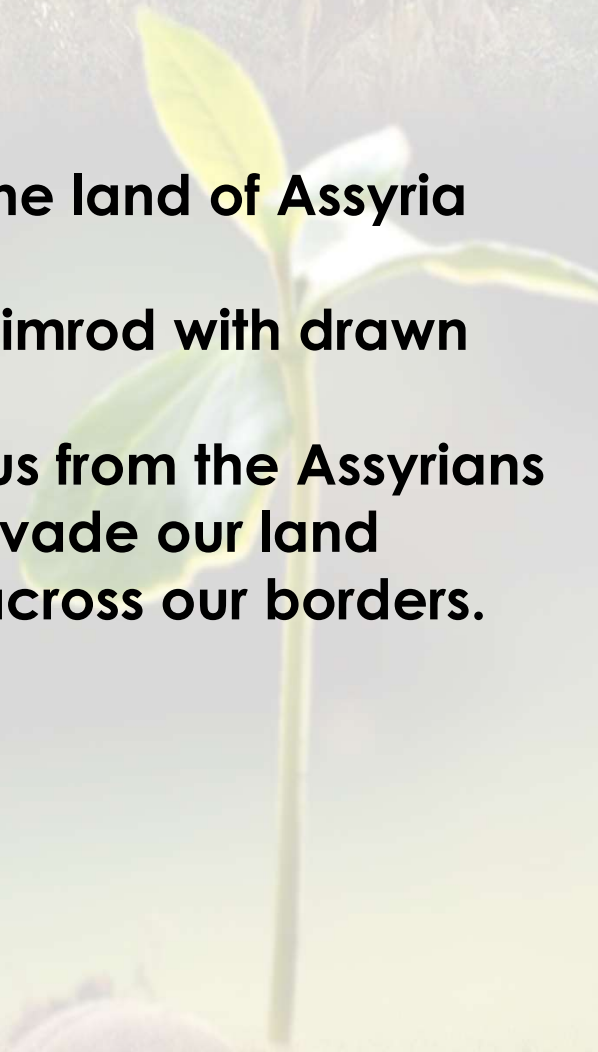
**We will raise against them seven
shepherds,**

even eight commanders,

Micah 4.6-5.6

⁶ who will rule the land of Assyria
with the sword,
the land of Nimrod with drawn
sword.

He will deliver us from the Assyrians
when they invade our land
and march across our borders.



Prayer

**See in yonder manger low,
born for us on earth below,
see! The tender Lamb appears
promised from eternal years.
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'***

**Lo! Within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies,
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim:
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'***

**Say, ye holy shepherds say,
what your joyful news today;
wherefore have ye left your sheep
on that lonely mountain steep.**

***Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!***

***Sing through all Jerusalem,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'***

**'As we watched at dead of night,
Lo! We saw a wondrous light:
angels, singing peace on earth,
told us of the Saviour's birth.'**

***Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'***

**Sacred Infant, all Divine,
what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'***

**Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
by Thy face so meek and mild,
teach us to resemble Thee
in Thy sweet humility.**

***Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'***

Edward Caswall, 1814-78

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Message

**Lessons In Leadership
The Shepherd King
Micah 4:6 – 5:6**

Prayer

**Who is this, so weak and helpless,
child of lowly Hebrew maid,
rudely in a stable sheltered,
coldly in a manger laid?**

**'Tis the Lord of all creation,
who this wondrous path hath trod;
He is God from everlasting,
and to everlasting God.**

**Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,
walking sadly life's hard way,
homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
over sin and Satan's sway?
'Tis our God, our glorious Saviour,
who above the starry sky
now for us a place prepareth,
where no tear can dim the eye.**

**Who is this? Behold Him shedding
drops of blood upon the ground!**

**Who is this, despised, rejected,
mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?**

**'Tis our God, who gifts and graces
poureth on His Church below,
now, in royal might victorious,
triumphing o'er every foe.**

**Who is this that hangeth dying
while the rude world scoffs and scorns,
numbered with the malefactors,
pierced with nails, and crowned with thorns?
'Tis the God who ever liveth
'mid the shining ones on high,
in the glorious golden city
reigning everlastingly.**

William Walsham How, 1823-97

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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.**

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