



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 8 January

*..to bring all things in heaven and on earth
together under one head, even Christ...
Ephesians 1:10*

Morning Service

Rooted

A Planting Of The Lord

Ephesians 1:1-23

Rev Jerry Middleton

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song of praise shall be;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, glorious Trinity!

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore You,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea,
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before You,
You were and are, and evermore shall be.**

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide You,
though the eye of sinful man
Your glory may not see,
You alone are holy;
there is none beside You,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Your works shall praise Your Name,
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, glorious Trinity!**

Reginald Heber 1783-1826

All words reproduced under CCLI no 293885

Prayer

Ephesians 1. 3-10

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

Ephesians 1. 3-10

⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

Ephesians 1. 3-10

10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Children's Talk

Come on, come in, everybody!
There is a God who is worthy
of all our praise – He alone is Lord.
Come on and join with creation,
let everything shout to praise Him,
Glory to Christ –
He's the one who made us.

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne.**

Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.

Hallelujah!

Praise to Jesus Christ the king.

**Come on, come in, all you weary,
come on and find rest with Jesus,
He is the one who can heal your soul.
Come on and join with the angels,
praising the Lamb who was faithful,
Giving His life – He's the one who saved us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne.**

Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.

Hallelujah!

Praise to Jesus Christ the king.

**Come on, you saints, keep believing,
gather to hear the Lord speaking.
Humble your hearts, tremble at His voice.
Come in with joy for the future,
He will renew heaven and earth,
Jesus is Lord – He's the one who'll raise us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne.
Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.
Hallelujah!
Praise to Jesus Christ the king.**

*© 2019 Dan Adams & Gareth Loh
All words reproduced under CCLI no 293885*

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.**

Keith and Kristyn Getty © 2006 Thankyou Music

All words reproduced under CCLI no 293885

Message

**A Planting Of The Lord
Ephesians 1:1-23**

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)

All words reproduced under CCLI no 293885

**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

Matchless Grace
2 Corinthians 8:1-9

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me His praise should sing?**

Praise Him, praise Him!

Praise Him, praise Him!

Praise the everlasting King.

**Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise Him, still the same for ever,
slow to anger, swift to bless:
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise the high eternal One.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him;
you behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him;
all who dwell in time and space.**

Praise Him, praise Him!

Praise Him, praise Him!

Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847

All words are reproduced under Christian Copyright licence no. 293885

Prayer

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.

² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

2 Corinthians 8.1-9

⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

2 Corinthians 8.1-9

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

**Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,
and Grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that Grace appear,
the hour I first believed!**

*My chains are gone. I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing Grace.*

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

*My chains are gone. I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing Grace.*

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.**

**But God who called me here below,
will be forever mine, will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.**

John P Rees, John Newton, Edwin Othello Excell

© 2006 worshiptogether.com

All words reproduced under CCLI no 293885

Message

Matchless Grace
2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Prayer

**And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**He left His Father's throne above—
so free, so infinite His grace—
emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light,
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

All words are reproduced under Christian Copyright licence no. 293885

Sacrament

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count as loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ my God;
the very things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all!**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

All words are reproduced under Christian Copyright Licence No. 293885

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**

Church Calendar

You'll find dates for your diary on our
website:

<http://www.gilcomston.org/calendar>