



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 15 January

*..that in the coming ages He might show the
incomparable riches of His grace...
Ephesians 2:7*

Morning Service

Rooted

A Work In Progress

Ephesians 2:1-10

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All within that holy city
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
sing, in perfect harmony;
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**We as living stones implore You:
come among us, Lord, today!
With Your promised loving-kindness
hear Your people as we pray;
and the fullness of Your blessing
in our fellowship display.**

**Here entrust to all Your servants
what we long from You to gain —
that on earth and in the heavens
we Your people shall remain,
till united in Your glory
evermore with You we reign.**

**Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One:
one in power and one in glory
while eternal ages run.**

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Prayer

Ephesians 2. 1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

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⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace,

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expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Children's Talk

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**The mountains are His, the rivers are His,
the stars are His handiwork too.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**He's called you to live for Him every day,
in all that you say and you do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

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Prayer

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.**

**Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.**

**Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.**

**Teach us Lord full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.**

**Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.**

**Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.**

**Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
as You fill the earth with Your glory.**

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Message

**A Work In Progress
Ephesians 2:1-10**

Prayer

**Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
ye for whom a Corner-stone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.**

**Living stones, by God appointed
each to his allotted place,
Kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare His grace?**

**Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.**

**Tell the praise of Him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.**

Cyril Argentine Alington 1872-1955

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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

Abounding In Love
John 3:1-21

**All people that on earth do dwell
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
come now before Him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make:
we are His flock, He doth us feed,
and for His sheep He doth us take.**

**We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs,
high as the heavens our voices raise;
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.**

**Wide as the world is Thy command,
vast as eternity Thy love;
firm as a rock Thy truth must stand,
when rolling years shall cease to move.**

William Kethe c1593

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Prayer

John 3:1-21

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

John 3:1-21

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?”

Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

John 3:1-21

⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit. ⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

John 3:1-21

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?”

John 3:1-21

¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:1-21

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:1-21

19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

**To God be the glory!
Great things He has done;
so loved He the world
that He gave us His Son
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father

through Jesus the Son

and give Him the glory;

great things He has done.

**O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!**

**To every believer the promise of God:
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father

through Jesus the Son

and give Him the glory;

great things He has done.

**Great things He has taught us,
great things He has done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son:
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder,
when Jesus we see!**

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory;
great things He has done.***

Frances J Van Alstyne 1820-1915

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Message

**Abounding In Love
John 3:1-21**

Prayer

**How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss:
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders:
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was His love that held Him there
until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

**Behold the man upon the throne,
the sons all brought to glory,
cry 'Hallelujah' to the lamb
and sing redemption's story.
And all creation bows in awe,
the wretch is now a treasure.
By faith alone through grace alone,
in Christ alone forever.**

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

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