



# Gilcomston Church

# Sunday 12 March

*..more and more men and women believed  
in the Lord...  
Acts 5:14*

# **Morning Service**

**Growing Christ's Church  
Rooting Your Life In Jesus**

**Acts 5:12-16**

**Rev Jerry Middleton**

**Blest be the everlasting God,  
the Father of our Lord!  
Be His abounding mercy praised,  
His majesty adored!**

**When from the dead He raised His Son,  
and called Him to the sky,  
He gave our souls a lively hope  
that they should never die.**

**To an inheritance divine  
He taught our hearts to rise;  
'tis uncorrupted, undefiled,  
unfading in the skies.**

**Saints by the power of God are kept,  
till the salvation come;  
we walk by faith as strangers here:  
but Christ shall call us home.**

*Isaac Watts 1674-1748*

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**Prayer**

## Acts 5. 12-16

<sup>12</sup> The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.<sup>13</sup> No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

## Acts 5. 12-16

<sup>15</sup> As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. <sup>16</sup> Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

# Children's Talk

**Come follow Jesus, He's 'The Champion',  
we're on the winning side.**

**He is our trainer, coach and captain,  
the Bible is our guide.**

**He took our place because He loves us,  
He takes our sins away.  
Where He leads us we will follow,  
what He says, we will obey.**

**We want to live and work for Jesus,  
our Saviour and our King.**

**We want to give our best to serve Him.  
To us He's everything.**

**He died so we could be forgiven,  
by faith we've been made new.  
Oh, His love is so amazing,  
won't you come and follow Him too?**

*Joan Crooks*

# Prayer

# **Message**

**Rooting Your Life In Jesus**  
**Acts 5:12 – 16**

# Prayer

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied-  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious Day  
up from the grave He rose again.**

**And as He stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine –  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

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# New Members

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.**

*And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
for Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

**He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and He anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.**

*And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
for Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

**And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for You are with me,  
and Your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.**

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for Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

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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**

**The Day Of Salvation  
His Mercy Reigns  
Luke 15:11-32**

**Behold the amazing gift of love  
the Father has bestowed  
on us, the sinful sons of men,  
to call us sons of God!**

**Concealed as yet this honour lies,  
by this dark world unknown,  
a world that knew not, when He came,  
God's own eternal Son.**

**High is the rank we now possess,  
but higher we shall rise;  
though what we shall hereafter be  
is hidden from our eyes.**

**Our souls, we know, when He appears,  
shall bear His image bright;  
for all His glory, full disclosed,  
shall open to our sight.**

**A hope so great and so divine  
may trials well endure,  
and purify our souls from sin,  
as Christ Himself is pure.**

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# Prayer

## Luke 15. 11-32

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup> “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

## Luke 15: 11-32

<sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him:

## **Luke 15. 11-32**

**Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.**

**“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.**

# Luke 15. 11-32

**21 “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’**

**22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.**

<sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

## Luke 15: 11-32

**29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'**

# Luke 15: 11-32

<sup>31</sup> “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

**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.**

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# Prayer

# **Message**

**His Mercy Reigns  
Isaiah 61:2-3**

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

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