



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 19 March

***..so the Word of God spread rapidly...
Acts 6:7***

Morning Service

**Growing Christ's Church
Handling Growth**

Acts 6:1-7

Mr Alex Hanna

**Stand up, and bless the Lord,
you people of His choice;
stand up, and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.**

**Though high above all praise
above all blessing high,
who would not fear His holy Name,
and praise and magnify?**

**O for the living flame
from His own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!**

**God is our strength and song,
and His salvation ours;
let us proclaim His love in Christ
with all our ransomed powers.**

**Stand up, and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up, and bless His glorious Name
henceforth for evermore.**

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Prayer

Acts 6. 1-7

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.

Acts 6. 1-7

³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

Acts 6. 1-7

⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Children's Talk

**Jesus wants me to be a bright light shining
in the darkness so people can see.**

**Jesus wants me
to be a brave flame burning
with His love as He wants me to be.**

**Though it's hard, I know
when the feelings go
and the darkness is pressing me in,
but I'll carry on for His love is strong,
it's His light that will make me shine,
it's His light that will make me shine.**

Crawford Mackenzie

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Prayer

**Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker
to offer the work of my hands.**

**For this is the day You've given Your servant;
I will rejoice and be glad
for the strength I have to live and breathe;
for each skill Your grace has given me;
for the needs and opportunities
that will glorify Your great Name.**

**Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness
to cover the work of my hands.**

**For patience and peace to shape all my labour,
Your grace for thorns in my path.**

**Flow within me like a living stream,
wear away the stones of pride and greed
'till Your ways are dwelling deep in me
and a harvest of life is grown.**

**Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker;
establish the work of our hands.
And order our steps to seek first Your kingdom
in every small and great task.
May we live the gospel of Your grace,
serve Your purpose in our fleeting days,
then our lives will bring eternal praise
and all glory to Your Name.**

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Message

Handling Growth
Acts 6:1-7

Prayer

**Facing a task unfinished,
that drives us to our knees,
a need that, undiminished,
rebukes our slothful ease.**

**We who rejoice to know Thee,
renew before Thy throne
the solemn pledge we owe Thee,
to go and make Thee known.**

**Where other lords beside Thee
hold their unhindered sway,
where forces that defied Thee
defy Thee still today.**

**With none to heed their crying
for life, and love, and light,
unnumbered souls are dying,
and pass into the night.**

**We go to all the world,
with kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save
but Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**We bear the torch, that flaming,
fell from the hands of those
who gave their lives, proclaiming
that Jesus died and rose.**

**Ours is the same commission,
the same glad message ours,
fired by the same ambition,
to Thee we yield our powers.**

**We go to all the world,
with kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save
but Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**○ Father who sustained them,
○ Spirit who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them
to toil with zeal untired,
from cowardice defend us,
from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us,
to labour for Thy sake.**

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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
God At Work
1 Thessalonians 1:2-10**

**I to the hills will lift mine eyes,
from whence doth come mine aid?
My safety cometh from the Lord,
who heav'n and earth hath made.**

**Thy foot He'll not let slide, nor will
He slumber that thee keeps.
Behold, He that keeps Israel,
He slumbers not, nor sleeps.**

**The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade
on thy right hand doth stay:
the moon by night thee shall not smite,
nor yet the sun by day.**

**The Lord shall keep thy soul; He shall
preserve thee from all ill.**

**Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore.**

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Prayer

1 Thessalonians 2. 1-10

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. ² We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. ³ For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-10

⁴ On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. ⁶ We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.

I Thessalonians 2. 1-10

⁷ Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, ⁸ so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. ⁹ Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.

1 Thessalonians 2, 1-10

¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed.

**Fight the good fight with all your might,
Christ is your strength and Christ your right;
lay hold on life and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race
through God's good grace,
lift up your eyes and seek His face:
life with its way before you lies,
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, lean on your guide,
His boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and your trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.**

**Faint not, nor fear, His arms are near;
He does not change and you are dear;
only believe and Christ shall be
your all-in-all eternally.**

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Message

God At Work
1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

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**Glory to God, the source of all our mission;
Jesus be praised,
the Saviour, Lord and Son!
Praise to the Spirit who confirms the vision;
in all the world the will of God be done!**

**Proud in our wealth,
or destitute and broken,
we cannot live by earthly bread alone;
but by the word
that God Himself has spoken
we are set free to make our Master known.**

**Eastward or westward,
northward, southward moving,
finding new fields,
new patterns and new roles,
Christ's fellow-workers,
all His goodness proving,
see how our God is making people whole!**

**Linked by the cross
at which we are forgiven,
joined by the love that
came to find and save,
one in the hope
of God's new earth and heaven,
we love and give
since He first loved and gave.**

**Send us, Lord Christ,
to serve at Your direction,
dying and living, Yours in loss and gain,
true to the gospel of Your resurrection,
working and praying till You come to reign.**

Christopher Idle

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