



# Gilcomston Church

**Sunday 23 April**

***..then he got down on his knees and  
prayed...  
Acts 9:40***

# **Morning Service**

**Growing Christ's Church**

**Raising The Dead**

**Acts 9: 32-43**

**Rev Jerry Middleton**

**O worship the King,  
all-glorious above;  
O gratefully sing  
His power and His love:  
our shield and defender,  
the Ancient of days,  
pavilioned in splendour  
and girded with praise!**

**O tell of His might!  
O sing of His grace,  
whose robe is the light,  
whose canopy space!  
His chariots of wrath  
the deep thunder clouds form,  
and dark is His path  
on the wings of the storm.**

**Frail children of dust  
and feeble as frail,  
in You do we trust,  
nor find You to fail;  
Your mercies how tender,  
how firm to the end  
our maker, defender,  
Redeemer and friend!**

**O measureless Might!  
O infinite Love!  
While angels delight  
to praise You above,  
Your ransomed creation,  
with glory ablaze,  
with true adoration  
shall sing to Your praise!**

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**Prayer**

<sup>32</sup> As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda. <sup>33</sup> There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years. <sup>34</sup> "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up. <sup>35</sup> All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

<sup>36</sup> In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup> About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him,

**“Please come at once!”**

**39 Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.**

**40 Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said,**

**“Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.**

# 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**

**You're the Word of God the Father,  
from before the world began;  
every star and every planet  
has been fashioned by Your hand.**

**All creation holds together  
by the power of Your voice:  
let the skies declare Your glory,  
let the land and seas rejoice!**

***You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
and Your cry of love rings out  
across the lands.***

**Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven  
for the anguish of a cross.**

**With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
with a word You stilled the sea.**

**Yet how silently You suffered  
that the guilty may go free.**

***You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
and Your cry of love rings out  
across the lands.***

**With a shout You rose victorious,  
wresting victory from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven  
leading captives in Your wake.**

**Now You stand before the Father  
interceding for Your own.**

**From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.**

***You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
and Your cry of love rings out  
across the lands.***

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# Message

**Growing Christ's Church  
Raising The Dead  
Acts 9: 32-43**

**Prayer**

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
till sun shall rise and set no more.**

**Blessings abound where'er He reigns,  
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest  
and all the sons of want are blessed.**

*To our King be highest praise,  
rising through eternal days  
just and faithful He shall reign:  
Jesus shall reign!*

**People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on His love with sweetest song  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on His name.**

*To our King be highest praise,  
rising through eternal days  
just and faithful He shall reign:  
Jesus shall reign!*

**Let every creature rise and bring  
blessing and honour to our King.  
Angels descend with songs again  
and earth repeat the loud amen!**

***To our King be highest praise  
rising through eternal days  
just and faithful He shall reign:  
Jesus shall reign!***

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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  
A Growing Gospel  
Isaiah 61:5-6**

**Behold! the mountain of the Lord  
in latter days shall rise  
on mountain tops above the hills,  
and draw the wondering eyes.**

**To this the joyful nations round,  
all tribes and tongues, shall flow;  
up to the hill of God, they'll say,  
and to His house we'll go.**

**The beam that shines from Zion hill  
shall lighten every land;  
the King who reigns in Salem's Towers  
shall all the world command.**

**Among the nations He shall judge;  
His judgments truth shall guide;  
His sceptre shall protect the just,  
and quell the sinner's pride.**

**No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds  
disturb those peaceful years;  
to ploughshares men  
shall beat their swords,  
to pruning-hooks their spears.**

**Come then, O house of Jacob! Come  
to worship at His shrine;  
and, walking in the light of God,  
with holy beauties shine.**

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# Prayer

**<sup>25</sup> I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, <sup>26</sup> and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: “The deliverer will come from Zion;**

**he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.**

**27 And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”**

**28 As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, <sup>29</sup> for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.**

<sup>30</sup> Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. <sup>32</sup> For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

**33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!**

**How unsearchable his judgments,  
and his paths beyond tracing out!**

**34 “Who has known the mind of the Lord?**

**Or who has been his counselor?”**

**35 “Who has ever given to God,**

**that God should repay them?”**

**Romans II. 25-36**

**36 For from him and through  
him and for him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever!  
Amen.**

**Jesus hope of the nations,  
Jesus comfort for all who mourn.  
You are the source of Heaven's hope on earth.  
Jesus light in the darkness,  
Jesus truth in each circumstance,  
You are the source of Heaven's light on earth.  
In history You lived and died,  
You broke the chains You rose to life.**

**You are the hope living in us,  
You are the rock in Whom we trust.  
You are the light shining for all the world to see.  
You rose from the dead conquering fear,  
our Prince of Peace drawing us near.  
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive,  
Lord we believe.**

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# Prayer

# Message

**The Day Of Salvation  
A Growing Gospel  
Isaiah 61:5-6**

# Prayer

**O church arise, and put your armour on;  
hear the call of Christ our captain.**

**For now the weak can say that they are strong  
in the strength that God has given.**

**With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;**

**an army bold, whose battle-cry is love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.**

**Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword  
that makes the wounded whole,  
we will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side  
we know the outcome is secure,  
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
an inheritance of nations.**

**Come see the cross,  
where love and mercy meet,  
as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
for the Conqueror has risen!**

**And as the stone is rolled away,  
and Christ emerges from the grave,  
this vict'ry march continues till the day  
ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**

**So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize  
of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
retelling triumphs of His grace,  
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day  
when with Christ we stand in glory.**

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