



# Gilcomston Church

# **Sunday 7 May**

***..a great number of people believed and  
turned to the Lord...***

***Acts 11:21***

# **Morning Service**

**Growing Christ's Church**

**Turning To The Lord**

**Acts 11: 1-30**

**Rev Jerry Middleton**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise Him  
for He is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear,  
brothers and sisters, draw near,  
praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,  
above all things so mightily reigning;  
keeping us safe at His side,  
and so gently sustaining.**

**Have you not seen  
all you have needed has been  
met by His gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord,  
who shall prosper our work and defend us;  
surely His goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend us.**

**Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with His love will befriend us.**

**Praise to the Lord,  
who, when darkness and sin are abounding,  
who, when the godless are rampant,  
all goodness confounding,  
breaks forth as light,  
scatters the terrors of night,  
saints with His mercy surrounding!**

**Praise to the Lord!**

**O let all that is in me adore Him;  
all that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him!**

**Let the 'Amen!'**

**sound from His people again -  
gladly we praise and adore Him.**

*Joachim Neander, Tr. Catherine Winkworth and Percy Dearmer*

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**Prayer**

**<sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. <sup>20</sup> Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.**

**<sup>21</sup> The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.**

**<sup>22</sup> News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.**

**<sup>24</sup> He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.**

**<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.**

# Children's Talk

**You are the King of Glory,  
You are the Prince of Peace,  
You are the Lord of heav'n and earth,  
You're the Son of righteousness.  
Angels bow down before You,  
worship and adore, for  
You have the words of eternal life,  
You are Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Hosanna to the King of kings!  
Glory in the highest heaven,  
for Jesus the Messiah reigns.**

*M Ford*

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**Prayer**

**King of kings, majesty,  
God of heaven living in me,  
gentle Saviour, closest friend,  
strong deliv'rer, beginning and end,  
all within me falls at Your throne.**

*Your majesty, I can but bow.  
I lay my all before You now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve Your majesty.*

**Earth and heaven worship You,  
love eternal, faithful and true,  
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
brought this sinner near to Your throne;  
all within me cries out in praise.**

*Your majesty, I can but bow.  
I lay my all before You now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve Your majesty.*

*Jarrood Cooper*

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**All hail the lamb enthroned on high,  
His praise shall be our battle cry.  
He reigns victorious, for ever glorious,  
His name is Jesus,  
He is the Lord.**

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*Dave Bilbrough*

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# Message

**Growing Christ's Church  
Turning To The Lord  
Acts 11: 1-30**

**Prayer**

**Crown Him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of Him who died for thee,  
and hail Him as  
thy chosen King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Son of God  
before the worlds began;  
and ye who tread where He hath trod,  
crown Him the Son of Man,  
who every grief hath known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for His own,  
that all in Him may rest.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife,  
for those He came to save:  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heaven,  
enthroned in worlds above;  
crown Him the King to whom is given  
the wondrous name of love:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.**

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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  
Grace Abounding  
Isaiah 61:7-9

**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.**

**Father-like He tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame He knows:  
in His hands He gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise Him, praise Him!  
Praise Him, praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.**

**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.**

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# Prayer

**The Spirit of the  
Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has  
anointed me  
to proclaim good news to  
the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the  
broken-hearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the  
captives  
and release from darkness  
for the prisoners,**

<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of  
the LORD's favour  
and the day of  
vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
<sup>3</sup> and provide for those who  
grieve in Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of  
beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of  
despair.

**They will be called oaks of  
righteousness,**

**a planting of the LORD  
    for the display of his  
splendour.**

**<sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the ancient  
ruins**

**and restore the places long  
devastated;**

**they will renew the ruined  
cities**

**that have been devastated  
for generations.**

**<sup>5</sup> Strangers will shepherd your flocks;**

**foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.**

**<sup>6</sup> And you will be called priests of the LORD,**

**you will be named ministers of our God.**

**You will feed on the wealth of nations,**

**and in their riches you will boast.**

**7 Instead of your shame  
you will receive a  
double portion,  
and instead of disgrace  
you will rejoice in your  
inheritance.**

**And so you will inherit a  
double portion in your land,  
and everlasting joy will be  
yours.**

**8 “For I, the LORD, love justice;  
I hate robbery and  
wrongdoing.**

**In my faithfulness I will reward  
my people**

**and make an everlasting  
covenant with them.**

**⁹ Their descendants will be  
known among the nations  
and their offspring among  
the peoples.**

**All who see them will  
acknowledge**

**that they are a people  
the LORD has blessed.”**

# **Message**

**The Day Of Salvation  
Grace Abounding  
Isaiah 61:7-9**

# Prayer

**Mine are days that God has numbered,  
I was made to walk with Him.  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
and forsake the King of kings.  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer,  
though I fall, His love is sure.  
For Christ has paid for every failing,  
I am His forevermore.**

**Mine are tears in times of sorrow,  
darkness not yet understood.**

**Through the valley I must travel  
where I see no earthly good.**

**But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
and the strength in times of need.**

**I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me.**

*And mine are keys to Zion city  
where beside the King I walk,  
for there my heart has found its treasure,  
Christ is mine forevermore.*

**Mine are days here as a stranger,  
pilgrim on a narrow way,  
one with Christ I will encounter  
harm and hatred for His name.  
But mine is armour for this battle,  
Strong enough to last the war,  
and He has said He will deliver  
safely to the golden shore.**

*And mine are keys to Zion city  
where beside the King I walk,  
for there my heart has found its treasure,  
Christ is mine forevermore.*

*Jonny Robinson and Rich Thomson*

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# Communion

**My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who bore my pain;  
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
and gave me life again;  
who crushed my curse of sinfulness,  
and clothed me in His light,  
and wrote His law of righteousness  
with pow'r upon my heart.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who walks beside;  
who floods my weaknesses with strength  
and causes fear to fly;  
whose ev'ry promise is enough  
for ev'ry step I take;  
sustaining me with arms of love  
and crowning me with grace.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who reigns above;  
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth  
is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all  
to love and follow Him.**

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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.**

# Church Calendar

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website:

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