



# Gilcomston Church

**Sunday 14 May**

***..but the word of God continued to spread  
and flourish...***

***Acts 12:24***

# **Morning Service**

**Growing Christ's Church**

**Living The Dream**

**Acts 12: 1-24**

**Rev Jerry Middleton**

**The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,  
O earth, and all you heavens, rejoice;  
from world to world the song shall ring:  
‘The Lord omnipotent is King!’**

**The Lord is King! Who then shall dare  
resist His will, distrust His care  
or quarrel with His wise decrees,  
or doubt His royal promises?**

**The Lord is King! Child of the dust,  
the Judge of all the earth is just;  
holy and true are all His ways –  
let every creature speak His praise!**

**He reigns! You saints, His praises sing:  
your Father reigns, your God is King;  
and Christ is seated at His side,  
the Man of love, the Crucified.**

**The Lord, one kingdom, all secures:  
He reigns, and life and death are yours;  
through earth and heaven  
one song shall ring:  
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'**

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**Prayer**

<sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

<sup>6</sup> The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up.

**“Quick, get up!” he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists.**

**<sup>8</sup> Then the angel said to him, “Put on your clothes and sandals.” And Peter did so.**

**“Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,” the angel told him. <sup>9</sup> Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision.**

**Acts 12. 5-11**

**<sup>10</sup> They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.**

**Acts 12: 5-11**

**<sup>11</sup> Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.”**

# Children's Talk

***He lives! He lives! Jesus the Saviour.  
He lives! He lives! He rose from the grave.  
And He's mighty, mighty, mighty  
mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty to save!***

**Jesus died upon the cross,  
they laid Him in the grave.  
Three days later Sunday came  
the stone was rolled away.  
Hear the angels say:**

***He lives! He lives! Jesus the Saviour.  
He lives! He lives! He rose from the grave.  
And He's mighty, mighty, mighty  
mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty to save!***

**Jesus is the only way,  
He breaks the power of sin.  
All who come believing  
are gonna rise again like Him.  
Hear the angels sing:**

***He lives! He lives! Jesus the Saviour.  
He lives! He lives! He rose from the grave.  
And He's mighty, mighty, mighty  
mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty to save!***

**Colin Buchanan**

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**Prayer**

**Lord, I come before Your throne of grace;  
I find rest in Your presence,  
and fullness of joy.**

**In worship and wonder I behold Your face,  
singing what a faithful God have I.**

*What a faithful God have I,  
what a faithful God.*

*What a faithful God have I,  
faithful in ev'ry way.*

**Lord of mercy, You have heard my cry;  
through the storm You're the beacon,  
my song in the night.**

**In the shelter of Your wings,  
hear my heart's reply,  
singing what a faithful God have I.**

*What a faithful God have I,  
what a faithful God.*

*What a faithful God have I,  
faithful in ev'ry way.*

**Lord all sov'reign,  
granting peace from heav'n,  
let me comfort those who suffer  
with the comfort You have giv'n.  
I will tell of Your great love  
for as long as I live,  
singing what a faithful God have I.**

***What a faithful God have I,  
what a faithful God.  
What a faithful God have I,  
faithful in ev'ry way.***

***Robert & Dawn Critchley***

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**Prayer**

# Message

**Growing Christ's Church  
Living The Dream  
Acts 12: 1-24**

**Prayer**

**Now Israel may say, and that truly,  
if that the Lord  
had not our cause maintain'd;  
If that the Lord had not our right sustain'd,  
when cruel men against us furiously  
rose up in wrath, to make of us their prey;**

**Then certainly they had devour'd us all,  
and swallow'd quick,  
for ought that we could deem;  
such was their rage,  
as we might well esteem.  
And as fierce floods  
before them all things drown,  
so had they brought  
our soul to death quite down.**

**The raging streams,  
with their proud swelling waves,  
had then our souls  
o'erwhelmed in the deep.  
But bless'd be God,  
who doth us safely keep,  
and hath not giv'n us for a living prey  
unto their teeth, and bloody cruelty.**

**Ev'n as a bird out of the fowler's snare  
escapes away, so is our soul set free:  
broke are their nets, and thus escaped we.**

**Therefore our help  
is in the Lord's great name,  
who heav'n and earth  
by his great pow'r did frame.**

**Psalm 124**

**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  
Delighting In The Lord  
Isaiah 61:10**

**Lord, Thee my God, I'll early seek:  
my soul doth thirst for Thee;  
my flesh longs in a dry parch'd land,  
wherein no waters be:**

**That I Thy power may behold,  
and brightness of Thy face,  
as I have seen Thee heretofore  
within Thy holy place.**

**Since better is Thy love than life,  
my lips Thee praise shall give.  
I in Thy name will lift my hands,  
and bless Thee while I live.**

**In shadow of Thy wings I'll joy,  
for Thou mine help hast been.  
My soul Thee follows hard; and me  
Thy right hand doth sustain.**

**Psalm 63**

# Prayer

**Psalms 37:1-9**

**<sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of those  
who are evil**

**or be envious of those who  
do wrong;**

**<sup>2</sup> for like the grass they will  
soon wither,**

**like green plants they will  
soon die away.**

**<sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do  
good;**

**dwell in the land and enjoy  
safe pasture.**

**Psalms 37:1-9**

**<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the  
desires of your heart.**

**<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to  
the LORD;  
trust in him and he will do  
this:**

**<sup>6</sup> He will make your righteous  
reward shine like the dawn,  
your vindication like the  
noonday sun.**

**Psalms 37:1-9**

**7 Be still before the LORD  
and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret when people  
succeed in their ways,  
when they carry out their  
wicked schemes.**

**8 Refrain from anger and turn  
from wrath;  
do not fret—it leads only to  
evil.**

**9 For those who are evil will be  
destroyed,  
but those who hope in  
the LORD will inherit the land.**

**My soul finds rest in God alone,  
my rock and my salvation,  
a fortress strong against my foes,  
and I will not be shaken.**

**Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,  
and lies like arrows pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,  
I'll look to Him who hears me.**

***O praise Him, hallelujah;  
my delight and my reward:  
everlasting, never failing;  
my Redeemer, my God.***

**Find rest my soul in God alone  
amid the world's temptations.**

**When evil seeks to take a hold  
I'll cling to my salvation.**

**Though riches come and riches go  
don't set your heart upon them.**

**The fields of hope in which I sow  
are harvested in heaven.**

***O praise Him, hallelujah;  
my delight and my reward:  
everlasting, never failing;  
my Redeemer, my God.***

**I'll set my gaze on God alone  
and trust in Him completely.  
With every day pour out my soul  
and He will prove His mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath  
a sigh too brief to measure,  
my King has crushed the curse of death  
and I am His forever.**

***O praise Him, hallelujah;  
my delight and my reward:  
everlasting, never failing;  
my Redeemer, my God.***

***Aaron Keys & Stuart Townend***  
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# **Message**

**The Day Of Salvation  
Delighting In The Lord  
Isaiah 61:10**

# Prayer

**Lord, be my vision, supreme in my heart;  
bid every rival give way and depart;  
You my best thought  
in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping,  
Your presence my light.**

**Lord, be my wisdom, and be my true word;  
I ever with You and You with me, Lord;  
You my great Father and I Your true son,  
You in me living and I with You one.**

**Lord, be my shield  
and my sword for the fight;  
be my strong armour for You are my might:  
You are my shelter and You my high tower;  
raising me heav'nward,  
O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise;  
You my inheritance now and always;  
all of Your treasure to me You impart,  
High King of heaven, the first in my heart!**

High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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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