



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 30 July

...strengthening all the disciples...
Acts 18:23

Morning Service

**Growing Christ's Church
Stretching The Kingdom
Acts 18:18-28**

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Praise ye the Lord; for it is good
praise to our God to sing:
for it is pleasant, and to praise
it is a comely thing.**

**God doth build up Jerusalem;
and He it is alone
that the dispers'd of Israel
doth gather into one.**

**Those that are broken in their heart,
and grieved in their minds,
He healeth, and their painful wounds
He tenderly up-binds.**

**He counts the number of the stars;
He names them ev'ry one.
Great is our Lord, and of great pow'r;
His wisdom search can none.**

Psalm 147 v1-5

Prayer

²³ After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and travelled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

²⁴ Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures.

²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervour and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

Children's Talk

**Teach me to trust You, Lord Jesus,
help me to draw close to You.
Let me be filled with Your joy and delight,
Lord, may I know more of You.**

**Teach me to pray to You, Jesus,
please give me the right words to say.
Help me to pray for my friends at school,
so they may get to know You.**

**Teach me to love You, Lord Jesus,
show me the things I must do.
Help me to get to that place, O Lord,
where I can be close to You.**

Iain Craig

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Prayer

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.**

**Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.**

**Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.**

**Teach us Lord full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
as You fill the earth with Your glory.**

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Prayer

Message

**Growing Christ's Church
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Acts 18:18-28**

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

**Rebels Re-made
Working Yourself To life
John 5:1-21**

**O come, and let us to the Lord
in songs our voices raise,
with joyful noise let us the Rock
of our salvation praise.**

**Let us before His presence come
with praise and thankful voice;
let us sing psalms to Him with grace,
and make a joyful noise.**

**The Lord's a great God, and great King
above all gods He is;
depths of the earth are in His hand,
the strength of hills is His.**

**To Him the spacious sea belongs,
for He the same did make;
the dry land also from His hands
its form at first did take.**

**O come and let us worship Him,
let us bow down withal,
and on our knees before the Lord
our Maker let us fall.**

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

Psalm 95

Prayer

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

11 But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

12 So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again.

Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defence Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”

18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

19 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.

Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. ²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

Prayer

**Lord we long for You to move in power.
There's a hunger deep within our hearts
to see healing in our nation.
Send Your Spirit to revive us:
Heal our nation! Heal our nation!
Heal our nation!
*Pour out Your Spirit on this land!***

**Lord, we hear Your Spirit coming closer,
a mighty wave to break upon our land,
bringing justice and forgiveness,
God, we cry to You “revive us:”
Heal our nation! Heal our nation!
Heal our nation!
*Pour out Your Spirit on this land!***

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**No, not by might nor even power,
but by Your Spirit, O Lord.
Healer of hearts, binder of wounds,
lives that are lost, restore.
Flow through this land 'til every man
praises Your name once more.**

Robin Mark

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Prayer

Message

**Rebels Re-made
Working Yourself To Life
John 5:1-21**

Prayer

**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.***

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