



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 13 August

*...gods made by human hands are no gods at
all...
Acts 19:26*

Morning Service

**Growing Christ's Church
Insisting On Jesus In A Multi-Faith World
Acts 19:21-41
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.**

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Prayer

²³ About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. ²⁴ A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there. ²⁵ He called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and said: “You know, my friends, that we receive a good income from this business.

Acts 19. 23-29

²⁶ And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all. ²⁷ There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited;

Acts 19. 23-29

and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty.”

²⁸ When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”

Acts 19. 23-29

²⁹ Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, and all of them rushed into the theatre together.

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

**Art thou afraid His power shall fail
when comes thy evil day?
and can an all-creating arm
grow weary or decay?**

**Supreme in wisdom as in pow'r
the Rock of ages stands;
though Him thou canst not see, nor trace
the working of His hands.**

**He gives the conquest to the weak,
supports the fainting heart;
and courage in the evil hour
His heav'nly aids impart.**

**Mere human pow'r shall fast decay,
and youthful vigour cease;
but they who wait upon the Lord,
in strength shall still increase.**

**They with unweary'd feet shall tread
the path of life divine;
with growing ardour onward move,
with growing brightness shine.**

**On eagles' wings they mount, they soar,
their wings are faith and love,
till, past the cloudy regions here,
they rise to heav'n above.**

From Isaiah 40

Prayer

Message

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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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**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
Restored
Matthew 12:1-21

**To render thanks unto the Lord
it is a comely thing,
and to Thy name, O Thou most high.
due praise aloud to sing.**

**Thy loving-kindness to show forth
when shines the morning light;
and to declare Thy faithfulness
with pleasure ev'ry night.**

**On a ten-stringed instrument,
upon the psaltery,
and on the harp with solemn sound,
and grave sweet melody.**

**For Thou, Lord, by Thy mighty works
hast made my heart right glad;
and I will triumph in the works
which by Thine hands were made.**

Psalm 92:1-4

Prayer

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. ² When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.”

³ He answered, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?”

Matthew 12: 1-21

⁴ He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. ⁵ Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? ⁶ I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.

⁷ If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent. ⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."⁹ Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, ¹⁰ and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

¹¹ He said to them, “If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹² How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

¹³ Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other.

Matthew 12: 1-21

¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

¹⁵ Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. ¹⁶ He warned them not to tell others about him. ¹⁷ This was to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

Matthew 12. 1-21

**18 “Here is my servant whom I
have chosen,
the one I love, in whom I
delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will proclaim justice
to the nations.**

**19 He will not quarrel or cry
out;
no one will hear his voice in
the streets.**

Matthew 12: 1-21

**20 A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out,
till he has brought justice through to victory.
21 In his name the nations will put their hope.”**

**I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how He left the realms of glory
for the Cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with His saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

**I was lost: but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.**

**Faint was I, and fears possessed me,
bruised was I from many a fall;
hope was gone, and shame distressed me:
but His love has pardoned all.**

**Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's paths I oft may tread;
but His presence still is with me,
by His guiding hand I'm led.
He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then He'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.**

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Message

**Rebels Re-made
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Prayer

**How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss:
the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders:
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was His love that held Him there
until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

**Behold the man upon the throne,
the sons all brought to glory,
cry 'Hallelujah' to the lamb
and sing redemption's story.
And all creation bows in awe,
the wretch is now a treasure.
By faith alone through grace alone,
in Christ alone forever.**

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be with us all.
Amen.**

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