



# Gilcomston Church

**Sunday 1 October**

***“.. Come for everything is now ready..”***  
**Luke 14:17**

# **Morning Service**

**Growing Pains**

**Join The Party**

**Luke 14:1-35**

**Rev Jerry Middleton**

**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**

## Luke 14. 16-24

<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. <sup>17</sup> At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

<sup>18</sup> “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

**Luke 14. 16-24**

**19 “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’**

**20 “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’**

**21 “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’**

**Luke 14. 16-24**

**22 “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’**

**23 “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. 24 I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”**

# Children's Talk

**Come on, come in, everybody!**  
**There is a God who is worthy**  
**of all our praise – He alone is Lord.**  
**Come on and join with creation,**  
**let everything shout to praise Him,**  
**Glory to Christ –**  
**He's the one who made us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,  
bow down before His throne.**

**Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.**

**Hallelujah!**

**Praise to Jesus Christ the king.**

**Come on, come in, all you weary,  
come on and find rest with Jesus,  
He is the one who can heal your soul.  
Come on and join with the angels,  
praising the Lamb who was faithful,  
Giving His life – He's the one who saved us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,  
bow down before His throne.**

**Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.**

**Hallelujah!**

**Praise to Jesus Christ the king.**

**Come on, you saints, keep believing,  
gather to hear the Lord speaking.  
Humble your hearts, tremble at His voice.  
Come in with joy for the future,  
He will renew heaven and earth,  
Jesus is Lord – He's the one who'll raise us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,  
bow down before His throne.  
Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.  
Hallelujah!  
Praise to Jesus Christ the king.**

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**Prayer**

**Come, all you vagabonds,  
come all you 'don't belongs'  
winners and losers,  
come, people like me.  
Come all you travellers  
tired from the journey,  
come wait a while, stay a while,  
welcomed you'll be.**

**Come all you questioners  
looking for answers,  
and searching for reasons  
and sense in it all;  
come all you fallen,  
and come all you broken,  
find strength for your body  
and food for your soul.**

*Come to the feast,  
there is room at the table.  
Come let us meet in this place.  
With the King of all kindness  
who welcomes us in,  
with the wonder of love,  
and the power of grace.*

**Come those who worry  
'bout houses and money,  
and all those who don't have  
a care in the world;  
from every station  
and orientation,  
the helpless, the hopeless,  
the young and the old.**

**Come all believers  
and dreamers and schemers,  
and come all you restless  
just searching for home;  
movers and shakers  
and givers and takers,  
the happy, the sad  
and the lost and alone.**

***Come to the feast,  
there is room at the table.  
Come let us meet in this place.  
With the King of all kindness  
who welcomes us in,  
with the wonder of love,  
and the power of grace.***

**Come self-sufficient  
with wearied ambition,  
and come those who feel  
at the end of the road.**

**Fiery debaters  
and religion haters,  
accusers, abusers,  
the hurt and ignored.**

***Come to the feast,  
there is room at the table.  
Come let us meet in this place.  
With the King of all kindness  
who welcomes us in,  
with the wonder of love,  
and the power of grace.***

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**Prayer**

# Message

**Growing Pains  
Join The Party!  
Luke 14:1-35**

**Prayer**

**Lord of creation, to You be all praise!  
Most mighty your working,  
most wondrous Your ways!  
Who reigns in great glory  
that tongue cannot tell,  
yet deigns in the heart  
of the humble to dwell.**

**Lord of all power, I give You my will,  
in joyful obedience Your tasks to fulfil.**

**Your bondage is freedom;**

**Your service is song;**

**and, held in Your keeping,**

**my weakness is strong.**

**Lord of all wisdom, I give You my mind,  
rich truth that surpasses  
man's knowledge to find.**

**What eye has not seen  
and what ear has not heard  
is taught by Your Spirit  
and shines from Your Word.**

**Lord of all bounty, I give You my heart;  
I praise and adore You in whole not in part;  
Your love to inflame me,  
Your counsel to guide,  
Your presence to shield me,  
Your strength at my side.**

**Lord of all being, I give You my all,  
for if I disown You, I stumble and fall;  
but, sworn in glad service  
Your word to obey,  
I walk in Your freedom  
to the end of the way.**

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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  
Living At Peace  
Romans 12:17-21**

**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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# Prayer

**17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.**

**<sup>20</sup> On the contrary:**

**“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.**

**In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”**

**<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

# Prayer

# Message

**Rebels Re-made  
Living At Peace  
Romans 12:17-21**

**And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**He left His Father's throne above—  
so free, so infinite His grace—  
emptied Himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me!**

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for, O my God, it found out me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light,  
my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.**

*Charles Wesley 1707-88*

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# Prayer

# Communion

**What love could remember  
no wrongs we have done?**

**Omniscient, all knowing,  
He counts not their sum.**

**Thrown into a sea  
without bottom or shore,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,  
stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What patience would wait  
as we constantly roam?**

**What Father, so tender,  
is calling us home?**

**He welcomes the weakest,  
the vilest, the poor,**

**our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,  
stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What riches of kindness  
He lavished on us,  
His blood was the payment,  
His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt  
we could never afford,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,  
stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,  
stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

*Matt Boswell and Matt Papa*

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the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.  
Amen.**

# Church Calendar

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