



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 8 October

Morning Service

**The Model Church
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Rev Phil Hair**

**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

1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10

Paul, Silas and Timothy,
To the church of the
Thessalonians in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

² We always thank God for all
of you and continually
mention you in our prayers.

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³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10

⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere.

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Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹ for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

**The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven He came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her
and for her life He died.**

**Elect from every nation
yet one through all the earth;
her charter of salvation –
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food;
as to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.**

**Mid toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed;
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest!**

**Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with Thee.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

Samuel J Stone 1839-1900

Prayer

Message

The Model Church
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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**Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race;
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all His mighty deeds;
tell of love which knows no limits,
grace which meets all human needs.**

**God has called you out of darkness
into His most marvellous light;
brought His truth to life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name is glorified
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.**

**Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love,
but He brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heaven above.**

**Let His love flow out to others,
let them feel the Father's care,
that they too may know His welcome
and His countless blessings share.**

**Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people He intends,
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your Master sends:
royal priests, fulfil your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service,
sing His praise, His love declare.**

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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

Crying To The Lord

1 Samuel 1

Rev Phil Hair

**Art thou afraid His pow'r 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

1 Samuel 1. 1-28

There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ² He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

1 Samuel 1. 1-28

³ Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD. ⁴ Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters.

1 Samuel 1. 1-28

⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶ Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. ⁷ This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.

1 Samuel 1. 1-28

⁸ Her husband Elkanah would say to her, “Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don’t you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don’t I mean more to you than ten sons?”

⁹ Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD’s house. ¹⁰ In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly.

1 Samuel 1. 1-28

¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

¹² As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth.

1 Samuel 1. 1-28

¹³ Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk ¹⁴ and said to her, “How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.”
¹⁵ “Not so, my lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD.

1 Samuel 1. 1-28

¹⁶ Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.”

¹⁷ Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”

¹⁸ She said, “May your servant find favour in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

1 Samuel 1. 1-28

¹⁹ Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰ So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him."

1 Samuel 1. 1-28

²¹ When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vow, ²² Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always.”

²³ “Do what seems best to you,” her husband Elkanah told her.

1 Samuel 1. 1-28

“Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good his word.” So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

²⁴ After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh.

1 Samuel 1. 1-28

²⁵ When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶ and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. ²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸ So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.

Prayer

**Hushed was the evening hymn,
the temple courts were dark,
the lamp was burning dim
before the sacred ark,
when suddenly a voice Divine
rang through the silence of the shrine.**

**The old man, meek and mild,
the priest of Israel, slept;
his watch the temple child,
the little Levite, kept;
and what from Eli's sense was sealed
the Lord to Hannah's son revealed.**

**O give me Samuel's ear,
the open ear, O Lord,
alive and quick to hear
each whisper of Thy word,
like him to answer at Thy call,
and to obey Thee first of all.**

**O give me Samuel's heart,
a lowly heart, that waits
where in Thy house Thou art,
or watches at Thy gates
by day and night – a heart that still
moves at the breathing of Thy will.**

**O give me Samuel's mind,
a sweet un murmuring faith,
obedient and resigned
to Thee in life and death,
that I may read, with childlike eyes,
truths that are hidden from the wise.**

James Drummond Burns 1823-64

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Message

Crying To The Lord
1 Samuel 1

Prayer

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not.**

**Thy compassions they fail not,
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.**

***Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter,
and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

***Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!**

***Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

Thomas O Chisholm 1866-1923

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