



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 15 October

... so we cared for you...

1 Thessalonians 2:8

Morning Service

**Building Healthy Churches
Ministry – what it looks like**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-6

Mr Alex Hanna

**Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit,
great I AM, the Three-in-One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory
while eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us,
washed us from each guilty stain!**

**Glory be to Him who bought us,
made us kings with Him to reign!**

**Glory, glory, glory, glory
to the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the church's King,
glory to the King of nations!**

**Heaven and earth, Your praises bring;
glory, glory, glory, glory
to the King of glory bring!**

**‘Glory, blessing, praise eternal!’
Thus the choir of angels sings;
‘honour, riches, power, dominion!’
Thus its praise creation brings;
glory, glory, glory, glory
glory to the King of kings!**

Horatius Bonar, 1808-89

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Prayer

1 Thessalonians 2. 1-6

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. ² We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. ³ For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you.

1 Thessalonians 2. 1-6

⁴ On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. ⁶ We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.

Children's Talk

**Be bold, be strong
for the Lord your God is with you.
Be bold, be strong
for the Lord your God is with you.**

I am not afraid, no, no, no.

I am not dismayed, not me.

For I'm walking in faith and victory.

**Come on and walk in faith and victory,
for the Lord your God is with you.**

**Be bold, be strong
for the Lord your God is with you.
Be bold, be strong
for the Lord your God is with you.**

**I am not afraid, no, no, no.
I am not dismayed, not me.
For I'm walking in faith and victory.
Come on and walk in faith and victory,
for the Lord your God is with you.**

Andy Silver

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Prayer

**Glory to God, the source of all our mission;
Jesus be praised,
the Saviour, Lord and Son!
Praise to the Spirit who confirms the vision;
in all the world the will of God be done!**

**Proud in our wealth,
or destitute and broken,
we cannot live by earthly bread alone;
but by the word
that God Himself has spoken
we are set free to make our Master known.**

**Eastward or westward,
northward, southward moving,
finding new fields,
new patterns and new roles,
Christ's fellow-workers,
all His goodness proving,
see how our God is making people whole!**

**Linked by the cross
at which we are forgiven,
joined by the love that
came to find and save,
one in the hope
of God's new earth and heaven,
we love and give
since He first loved and gave.**

**Send us, Lord Christ,
to serve at Your direction,
dying and living, Yours in loss and gain,
true to the gospel of Your resurrection,
working and praying till You come to reign.**

Christopher Idle

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Message

**Building Healthy Churches
Ministry – what it looks like
1 Thessalonians 2:1-6**

Prayer

**O my soul, arise and bless your Maker,
for He is your master and your Friend.
Slow to wrath but rich in tender mercy
worship the Saviour Jesus.**

**King of grace, His love is overwhelming;
Bread of Life, He's all I'll ever need,
for His blood has purchased me forever;
bought at the cross of Jesus.**

*And I will sing for all my days
of heaven's love come down.
Each breath I take will speak His praise
until He calls me home.*

**When I wake, I know that He is with me;
when I'm weak, I know that He is strong.
Though I fall, His arm is there to lean on;
safe on the rock of Jesus.**

**Stir in me the songs that You are singing;
fill my gaze with things as yet unseen.
Give me faith to move in works of power:
making me more like Jesus.**

*And I will sing for all my days
of heaven's love come down.
Each breath I take will speak His praise
until He calls me home.*

**Then one day I'll see Him as He sees me,
face to face, the lover and the loved;
no more words, the longing will be over
there with my precious Jesus.**

Stuart Townend

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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

The Kingmaker
Called by the Lord
1 Samuel 3:1-21
Mr Alex Hanna

**O God of Bethel! By whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
who through this weary pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led:**

**Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before Thy throne of grace:
God of our fathers! Be the God
of their succeeding race.**

**Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.**

**O spread Thy covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.**

**Such blessings from Thy gracious hand
our humble prayers implore;
and Thou shalt be our chosen God,
and portion evermore.**

Michael Bruce, 1746-67

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Prayer

1 Samuel 3. 1-21

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

1 Samuel 3. 1-21

⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said,

1 Samuel 3. 1-21

“Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said,

“Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy.

1 Samuel 3. 1-21

⁹ So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

¹¹ And the LORD said to Samuel:

1 Samuel 3. 1-21

“See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. ¹² At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. ¹³ For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them.

1 Samuel 3. 1-21

¹⁴ Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'"

¹⁵ Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, ¹⁶ but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son."

Samuel answered, "Here I am."

1 Samuel 3. 1-21

¹⁷ “What was it he said to you?” Eli asked. “Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you.” ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, “He is the LORD; let him do what is good in his eyes.”

1 Samuel 3. 1-21

¹⁹ The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD.

²¹ The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.

Prayer

**Jesus calls above the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day His voice re-echoes,
saying, 'Christian, follow me!'**

**As of old, apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for His dear sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each rival that would claim us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more!'**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these!'**

**Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Saviour, make us hear Your call,
give to You our heart's obedience,
serve and love You best of all.**

*Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-95
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Message

**The Kingmaker
Called by the Lord
1 Samuel 3**

Prayer

**Hear the call of the kingdom,
lift your eyes to the King,
let His song rise within you
as a fragrant offering
of how God rich in mercy
came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in His unfailing grace.**

**Hear the call of the Kingdom
to be children of light,
with the mercy of heaven,
the humility of Christ,
walking justly before Him,
loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ may shine through us.**

***King of Heaven we will answer the call,
we will follow bringing hope to the world.***

***Filled with passion,
filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.***

**Hear the call of the Kingdom
to reach out to the lost
with the Father's compassion
in the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness
and a hope yet to come,
let the nations put their trust in Him.**

***King of Heaven we will answer the call,
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Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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Church Calendar

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