



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 22 October

***... we were encouraged about you
because of your faith...***

1 Thessalonians 3:7

Morning Service

Building Healthy Churches

The pastor's heart

1 Thessalonians 2:17 – 3:13

Mr Adrian Rowett

**O God, my refuge, keep me safe:
on You my good depends;
O Lord, You are my Lord alone,
Your saints my choicest friends.**

**Whoever turns to other gods
will find remorse and shame;
to them I make no sacrifice,
nor will I speak their name.**

**The Lord is my inheritance,
a prize beyond compare;
His word instructs me day and night,
His own beloved heir.**

**At all times I have set the Lord
before my face to stand;
no trial, no pain can shake my hope
with Him at my right hand.**

**My heart and soul rejoice in You
and in Your power to save:
You will not leave Your Holy One
to perish in the grave.**

**You lead me to the path of life,
before Your face to stand
and drink my fill of endless joys
that flow at Your right hand.**

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Prayer

1 Thessalonians 2. 17-3.13

¹⁷ But, brothers and sisters, when we were orphaned by being separated from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you. ¹⁸ For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan blocked our way. ¹⁹ For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?

1 Thessalonians 2.17-3.13

²⁰ Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

³ So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. ² We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, ³ so that no one would be unsettled by these trials.

1 Thessalonians 2.17-3.13

For you know quite well that we are destined for them. ⁴ In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know. ⁵ For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labours might have been in vain.

1 Thessalonians 2.17-3.13

⁶ But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you. ⁷ Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith.

1 Thessalonians 2. 17-3.13

⁸ For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. ⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.

1 Thessalonians 2. 17-3.13

¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Children's Talk

**I'm special
because God has loved me,
for He gave the best thing
that He had to save me:
His own Son, Jesus,
crucified to take the blame
for all the bad things I have done.**

**Thank You Jesus, thank You Lord,
for loving me so much;
I know I don't deserve anything.
Help me feel Your love right now,
to know deep in my heart
that I'm Your special friend.**

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Prayer

**Filled with compassion for all creation,
Jesus came into a world that was lost.**

**There was but one way
that He could save us,
only by suffering death on a cross.**

***God You are waiting,
Your heart is breaking
for all the people who live on the earth.
Stir us to action,
filled with Your passion
for all the people who live on the earth.***

**Great is Your passion for all the people
living and dying without knowing You.
Having no saviour, they're lost for ever
if we don't speak out
and lead them to You.**

***God You are waiting,
Your heart is breaking
for all the people who live on the earth.
Stir us to action,
filled with Your passion
for all the people who live on the earth.***

**From ev'ry nation we shall be gathered,
millions redeemed shall be Jesus' reward.**

Then He will turn and say to His Father:

'Truly my suffering was worth it all.'

***God You are waiting,
Your heart is breaking
for all the people who live on the earth.
Stir us to action,
filled with Your passion
for all the people who live on the earth.***

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Prayer

Message

Building Healthy Churches
The pastor's heart
1 Thessalonians 2:17 – 3:13

Prayer

**O the love of God is boundless
perfect, causeless, full and free!
Doubts have vanished,
fears are groundless,
now I know that love to me.
Love, the source of all my blessing,
love that set itself on me,
love, that gave the sinless victim,
love, told out at Calvary.**

**O the cross of Christ is wondrous!
There I learn God's heart to me
'midst the silent, deep'ning darkness
'God is light' I also see.
Holy claims of justice finding
full expression in that scene;
light and love alike are telling
what His woe and suff'ring means.**

**O the sight of heav'n is glorious!
Man in righteousness is there.
Once the victim, now victorious,
Jesus lies in glory fair!
Him, who met the claims of glory
and the need of ruined man
on the cross, O wondrous story!
God has set at His right hand.**

**O, what rest of soul in seeing
Jesus on His Father's throne!
Yes, what peace for ever flowing
from God's rest in His own Son!
Gazing upward into heaven,
reading glory in His face,
knowing that 'tis He, once given
on the cross to take my place.**

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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

A prayerful ministry

1 Samuel 7:1-17

Mr Andrew Ritchie

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.**

**Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.**

Cause Your Word to come alive in me;

give me faith for what I cannot see;

give me passion for Your purity.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

**Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may Your joy be seen in all I do—
love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth;
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.**

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Prayer

1 Samuel 7. 1-17

¹ So the men of Kiriath Jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD. They brought it to Abinadab's house on the hill and consecrated Eleazar his son to guard the ark of the LORD. ² The ark remained at Kiriath Jearim a long time—twenty years in all. Then all the people of Israel turned back to the LORD.

1 Samuel 7. 1-17

³ So Samuel said to all the Israelites, “If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.” ⁴ So the Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only.

1 Samuel 7. 1-17

⁵ Then Samuel said, “Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I will intercede with the LORD for you.” ⁶ When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before the LORD. On that day they fasted and there they confessed, “We have sinned against the LORD.” Now Samuel was serving as leader of Israel at Mizpah.

1 Samuel 7. 1-17

⁷ When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. When the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines. ⁸ They said to Samuel, “Do not stop crying out to the LORD our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines.”

1 Samuel 7. 1-17

⁹ Then Samuel took a suckling lamb and sacrificed it as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. He cried out to the LORD on Israel's behalf, and the LORD answered him.

¹⁰ While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the LORD thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites.

1 Samuel 7. 1-17

¹¹ The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar.

¹² Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us."

¹³ So the Philistines were subdued and they stopped invading Israel's territory.

1 Samuel 7. 1-17

Throughout Samuel's lifetime, the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines. ¹⁴ The towns from Ekron to Gath that the Philistines had captured from Israel were restored to Israel, and Israel delivered the neighbouring territory from the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

¹⁵ Samuel continued as Israel's leader all the days of his life.

1 Samuel 7. 1-17

¹⁶ From year to year he went on a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging Israel in all those places. ¹⁷ But he always went back to Ramah, where his home was, and there he also held court for Israel. And he built an altar there to the LORD.

Prayer

**What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!**

**O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged:

take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful,

who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness:

take it to the Lord in prayer.

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?**

Jesus only is our refuge:

take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer;

in His arms He'll take and shield thee;

Thou wilt find a solace there.

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Prayer

**Search me, O God,
and know my heart today;
try me, O Lord,
and know my thoughts I pray:
see if there be some wicked way in me,
cleans me from every sin and set me free.**

**I praise Thee, Lord,
for cleansing me from sin,
fulfil Thy word, and make me pure within;
fill me with fire,
where once I burned with shame,
grant my desire to magnify Thy name.**

**Lord, take my life,
and make it wholly Thine;
fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;
take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender - Lord, in me abide.**

**O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
send a revival - start the work in me:
Thy word declares
Thou wilt supply our need;
for blessing now, O Lord, I humbly plead.**

J. Edwin Orr

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be with us all.
Amen.**

Church Calendar

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