



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 19 November

***... I remember the devotion of your
youth...***

Jeremiah 2:2

Morning Service

Building From The Rubble

Avoiding burn-out

Jeremiah 2:1-8

Rev Jerry Middleton

**○ Thou my soul, bless God the Lord,
and all that in me is
be stirrèd up His holy Name
to magnify and bless.**

**Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God,
and not forgetful be
of all His gracious benefits
He hath bestowed on thee.**

**All thine iniquities who doth
most graciously forgive;
who thy diseases all and pains
doth heal, and thee relieve.**

**Who doth redeem thy life, that thou
to death may'st not go down;
who thee with lovingkindness doth
and tender mercies crown.**

**Who with abundance of good things
doth satisfy thy mouth,
so that, ev'n as the eagle's age,
renewèd is thy youth.**

Scottish Psalter, 1650

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Prayer

Jeremiah 2.1-8

The word of the LORD came to me: ² “Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem:

“This is what the LORD says:

“I remember the devotion of your youth,
how as a bride you loved me
and followed me through the wilderness,
through a land not sown.

Jeremiah 2.1-8

³ Israel was holy to the LORD,
the firstfruits of his harvest;
all who devoured her were
held guilty,
and disaster overtook them,”
declares the LORD.

⁴ Hear the word of the LORD,
you descendants of Jacob,
all you clans of Israel.

⁵ This is what the LORD says:
“What fault did your ancestors
find in me,
that they strayed so far from
me?”

Jeremiah 2.1-8

They followed worthless idols
and became
worthless themselves.

⁶ They did not ask, 'Where is
the LORD,
who brought us up out of
Egypt
and led us through the barren
wilderness,
through a land of deserts and
ravines,
a land of drought and utter
darkness,
a land where no one
travels and no one lives?'

Jeremiah 2.1-8

⁷ I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce.

But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.

⁸ The priests did not ask,
'Where is the LORD?'

Those who deal with the law did not know me;
the leaders rebelled against me.

The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols.

Children's Talk

**For God so loved the world
He gave His only Son,
and whoever believes in Him
shall not die but have eternal life.**

**L is for the love that He has for me.
I am the reason He died on the tree.
F is for forgiveness and now I am free,
E is to enjoy being in His company.**

**For God so loved the world
He gave His only Son,
and whoever believes in Him
shall not die but have eternal life.**

John Hardwick

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Prayer

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.**

**Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.**

**Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.**

**Teach us Lord full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
as You fill the earth with Your glory.**

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Prayer

Message

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Prayer

**Lord, who in Thy perfect wisdom
times and seasons dost arrange,
working out Thy changeless purpose
in a world of ceaseless change;
Thou didst form our ancient nation,
guiding it through all the days,
to unfold in it Thy purpose
to Thy glory and Thy praise.**

**To our shores remote, benighted,
barrier of the western waves,
tidings in Thy love Thou sentest
tidings of the cross that saves.
Saints and heroes strove and suffered
here Thy gospel to proclaim;
we, the heirs of their endeavour,
tell the honour of their name.**

**Still Thine ancient purpose standeth
every change and chance above;
still Thine ancient Church remaineth,
witness to Thy changeless love.
Grant us vision, Lord, and courage
to fulfil Thy work begun;
in the Church and in the nation,
King of kings, Thy will be done.**

Timothy Rees, 1874-1939 (altered)

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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

Behold Your King!
A well-instructed tongue
John 4:4-30
Rev Jerry Middleton

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most holy, most glorious,
the Ancient of days,
almighty, victorious,
Your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
You rule us in might;
Your justice like mountains
high soaring above
Your clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.**

**To all, life You give, Lord,
to both great and small,
in all life You live, Lord,
the true life of all:
we blossom and flourish,
uncertain and frail;
we wither and perish, but You never fail.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light;
Your angels adore You,
all veiling their sight;
but of all Your rich graces, Lord,
this grace impart,
take the veil from our faces,
the veil from our heart.**

**Our praise we would render,
O Father, to You
whom only the splendour
of light hides from view;
and so let Your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story,
Your Christ to the heart.**

Walter C Smith

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Prayer

John 4. 4-30

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

John 4. 4-30

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

¹¹ “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep.

John 4. 4-30

Where can you get this living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

¹³ Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4. 4-30

¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶ He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

¹⁷ “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband.

John 4. 4-30

What you have just said is quite true.”

¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

John 4. 4-30

²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

John 4. 4-30

²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

John 4. 4-30

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

Prayer

**Were I to cross from land to land
and sail afar by sea,
descend the depths or climb the heights,
my Lord remains with me.**

**Before the blood ran in these veins
the days ordained for me
were written in Your book, O Lord
before I came to be.**

**I grieve to hear Your enemies
speak hatred, Lord, of You,
long though they scheme with ill intent,
their days are numbered too.
How precious are Your thoughts to me,
how countless, Lord, they are:
more than the shores have grains of sand,
more than the skies have stars.**

**Come search and test this heart, O Lord,
dispel each anxious thought
and lead me onward evermore
to tread the path I ought.**

**How blessed I am so bound with love,
surrounded yet so free.**

**In doubt or blessing, life or death,
my Lord remains with me.**

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Prayer

Message

Behold Your King!
A well-instructed tongue
John 4:4-30

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.**

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