



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 3 December

***... why go to Egypt to drink water
from the Nile...***

Jeremiah 2:18

Morning Service

**Building From The Rubble
Where are you drinking?**

Jeremiah 2:14-19

Rev Jerry Middleton

**O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave;
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, Thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high.
and close the path to misery:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.***

Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66

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Prayer

Jeremiah 2.14-19

¹⁴ Is Israel a servant, a slave by birth?

Why then has he become plunder?

¹⁵ Lions have roared;
they have growled at him.
They have laid waste his land;
his towns are burned and deserted.

¹⁶ Also, the men of
Memphis and Tahpanhes
have cracked your skull.

Jeremiah 2.14-19

¹⁷ Have you not brought this on yourselves

by forsaking the LORD your God

when he led you in the way?

¹⁸ Now why go to Egypt to drink water from the Nile?

And why go to Assyria to drink water from the Euphrates?

¹⁹ Your wickedness will punish you;

your backsliding will rebuke you.

Jeremiah 2.14-19

Consider then and realize
how evil and bitter it is for
you
when you forsake the
LORD your God
and have no awe of me,”
declares the Lord,
the LORD Almighty.

Children's Talk

**Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.**

**Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we Thee our King most dear.**

**Jesus, for Thy people dying,
risen Master, death defying
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
keep us to Thy presence near.**

**Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes Thou sharest;
Thou to man the truth declarest;
help us all Thy truth to hear.**

**Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with Thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere!**

Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936

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Prayer

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Joy to those who long to see Thee,
dayspring from on high, appear;
come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news,
glad tidings of a birth;
“Go to Him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth”.**

**Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
by His life He brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.**

**Born Thy people to deliver;
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By Thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone:**

**By thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

Prayer

Message

**Building From The Rubble
Where are you drinking?
Jeremiah 2:14-19**

Prayer

**Hark, the glad sound!
The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart exult with joy,
and every voice be song!**

**On Him the Spirit, largely shed,
exerts its sacred fire;
wisdom and might,
and zeal and love,
His holy breast inspire.**

**He comes, the prisoners to relieve,
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass
before Him burst,
the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes
the darkening scales of vice
to clear the inward sight;
and on the eye-balls of the blind
to pour celestial light.**

**He comes,
the broken hearts to bind,
the bleeding souls to cure;
and with the treasures
of His grace
to enrich the humble poor.**

**The sacred year
has now revolved,
accepted of the Lord,
when heaven's high promise is fulfilled,
and Israel is restored.**

**Our glad hosannas,
Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's exalted arches ring
with Thy most honoured Name.**

Philip Doddridge, 1702-51

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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!
The everlasting Father
Luke 7:11-17
Rev Jerry Middleton**

**The race that long in darkness pined
have seen a glorious light;
the people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.**

**To hail Thy rise, Thou better Sun!
The gathering nations come,
joyous, as when the reapers bear
the harvest treasures home.**

**To us a Child of hope is born;
to us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of heaven.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.**

**His power increasing still shall spread,
His reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard His throne above,
and peace abound below.**

John Morison 1750-98

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Prayer

Luke 7. 11-17

¹¹ Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

Luke 7. 11-17

¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ They were all filled with awe and praised God.

Luke 7. 11-17

“A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” ¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Prayer

Message

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Prayer

**In the bleak mid-winter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter,
long ago.**

**Our God, heaven cannot hold Him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when He comes to reign:
in the bleak mid-winter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.**

**Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air;
but His mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the Beloved
with a kiss.**

**What can I give Him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give Him - give my heart.**

Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-94

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Communion

**As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to Thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek Thy mercy-seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare
at Thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.**

**Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

**In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
hallelujahs to our King.**

William Chatterton Dix, 1837-98

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

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