



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 10 December

***... to make ready a people prepared
for the Lord...***

Luke 1:17

Morning Service

**Building From The Rubble
Preparing the way for Jesus
Jeremiah 2:20-37
Rev Jerry Middleton**

**Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

**Sages, leave your contemplations
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen His natal star;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

**Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly, the Lord, descending,
in His temple shall appear;
*Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

**Sinners, brought to true repentance,
bound by sin to endless pains,
justice now revokes the sentence,
mercy calls you – break your chains;**

***Come and worship
Christ, the new born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.***

James Montgomery, 1777-1854

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Prayer

Luke 1.5-17

⁵ In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly.

Luke 1.5-17

⁷ But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

⁸ Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

Luke 1.5-17

¹⁰ And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard.

Luke 1.5-17

Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.

Luke 1.5-17

¹⁶ He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Children's Talk

**Cradled in a manger, meantly
laid the Son of Man His head;
sleeping His first earthly slumber
where the oxen had been fed.
Happy were those shepherds listening
to the holy angel's word;
happy they within that stable,
worshipping their infant Lord.**

**Happy all who hear the message
of His coming from above;
happier still who hail His coming,
and with praises greet His love.
Blessed Saviour, Christ most holy,
in a manger Thou didst rest;
canst Thou stoop again, yet lower
and abide within my breast?**

**Evil things are there before Thee;
in the heart, where they have fed,
wilt Thou pitifully enter,
Son of Man, and lay Thy head?
Enter, then, O Christ most holy;
make a Christmas in my heart;
make a heaven on my manger;
it is heaven where Thou art.**

**And to those who never listened
to the message of Thy birth,
who have winter, but no Christmas
bringing them Thy peace on earth,
send to these the joyful tidings;
by all people, in each home,
be there heard the Christmas anthem;
praise to God, the Christ has come!**

George Stringer Rowe, 1830-1913

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Prayer

**Unto us a boy is born,
all the bells are ringing!
Angels greet the holy One
and shepherds hear them singing,
and shepherds hear them singing.**

**‘Go to Bethlehem today,
find your king and saviour;
glory be to God on high,
to earth His peace and favour,
to earth His peace and favour!’**

**Held within a cattle stall,
loved by love maternal,
see the master of us all,
our Lord of lords eternal,
our Lord of lords eternal.**

**Soon shall come the wise men three,
rousing Herod's anger,
mothers' hearts shall broken be
and Mary's son in danger,
and Mary's son in danger.**

**Death from life and life from death,
our salvation's story:**

**let all living things give breath
to Christmas songs of glory,
to Christmas songs of glory.**

Michael Perry

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Prayer

Message

Building From The Rubble
Preparing the way for Jesus
Jeremiah 2:20-37

Prayer

**Lord, You were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;
leaving Your throne in glad surrender,
sapphire paved courts for stable floor:
Lord, You were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor.**

**You are our God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man
stooping so low, but sinners raising
heavenwards, by Your eternal plan:
You are our God beyond all praising,
yet for love's sake, became a man.**

**Lord, You are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship You;
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us and keep us pure and true:
Lord You are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship You.**

F. Houghton 1894-1972

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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 Prince Of Peace
Luke 8:22-56
Rev Jerry Middleton**

**Angel voices, richly blending,
shepherds to the manger sending,
sing of peace from heav'n descending!
Shepherds, greet your Shepherd-King!**

**Lo! a star is brightly glowing!
Eastern kings their gifts are showing
to the King whose gifts pass knowing!
Gentiles greet the Gentiles' King!**

**To the manger come adoring,
hearts in thankfulness outpouring
to the child, true peace restoring,
Mary's Son, our God and King!**

German, 14th Century; tr. James Quinn

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Prayer

Luke 8. 22-56

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!”

Luke 8. 22-56

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee.

Luke 8. 22-56

²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!”

Luke 8. 22-56

²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him.

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³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

Luke 8. 22-56

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

Luke 8. 22-56

³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,

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³⁹ “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. ⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹ Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus’ feet, pleading with him to come to his house

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⁴² because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ “Who touched me?” Jesus asked.

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When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.”

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.”

⁴⁷ Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.

Luke 8. 22-56

⁴⁸ Then he said to her,
“Daughter, your faith has
healed you. Go in peace.”

⁴⁹ While Jesus was still
speaking, someone came
from the house of Jairus, the
synagogue leader. “Your
daughter is dead,” he said.
“Don’t bother the teacher
anymore.”

⁵⁰ Hearing this, Jesus said to
Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just
believe, and she will be
healed.”

Luke 8. 22-56

⁵¹ When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵² Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep."

⁵³ They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

Luke 8. 22-56

⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and said, “My child, get up!” ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

**Child in the manger, infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger, Lord of all!
Child who inherits all our transgressions,
all our demerits on Him fall.**

**Once the most holy child of salvation
gently and lowly lived below;
Now, as our glorious mighty Redeemer,
see Him victorious o'er each foe.**

**Prophets foretold Him, infant of wonder;
angels behold Him on His throne;
worthy our Saviour of all their praises;
happy for ever are His own.**

Mary Macdonald, 1817-c. 1890

Tr. Lachlan Macbean, 1853-1931

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Prayer

Message

**Behold Your King!
The Prince Of Peace
Luke 8:22-56**

Prayer

**Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say,
News! News!**

**Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow,
and He is in the manger now.**

**Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!**

**Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss,
Joy! Joy!**

**Jesus Christ was born for this.
He hath oped the heavenly door,
and all are blest for evermore.**

Christ was born for this!

Christ was born for this!

**Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave,
Peace! Peace!**

**Jesus Christ was born to save.
Calls you one, and calls you all,
to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**

Church Calendar

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