



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 7 January

**... loved by God and called to be His
holy people...**

Romans 1:7

Morning Service

**The Good Way
Overflowing with hope
Romans 1:1-7
Rev Jerry Middleton**

**The earth belongs unto the Lord,
and all that it contains;
the world that is inhabited,
and all that there remains.
For the foundations thereof
He on the seas did lay,
and He hath it established
upon the floods to stay.**

**Who is the man that shall ascend
into the hill of God?**

**Or who within His holy place
shall have a firm abode?**

**Whose hands are clean, whose heart is pure
and unto vanity**

**who hath not lifted up his soul,
nor sworn deceitfully.**

**He from th'Eternal shall receive
the blessing him upon,
and righteousness, ev'n from the God
of his salvation.**

**This is the generation
that after Him enquire,
O Jacob, who do seek Thy face
with their whole heart's desire.**

**Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up that so the King
of glory enter may.**

***(Men)* But who of glory is the King?**

***(Women)* The mighty Lord is this;**

***(All)* Ev'n that same Lord, that great in might
and strong in battle is.**

**Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.**

***(Men)* But who is He that is the King,
(Women) the King of glory? who is this?
(All) The Lord of hosts, and none but He,
the King of glory is.**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Amen! Amen! Amen!

Psalm 24

Prayer

Romans 1.1-7

**Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus,
called to be an apostle and
set apart for the gospel of
God — ² the gospel he
promised beforehand through
his prophets in the Holy
Scriptures ³ regarding his Son,
who as to his earthly life was a
descendant of David,**

Romans 1.1-7

⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.

Romans 1.1-7

6 And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Children's Talk

Come on, come in, everybody!
There is a God who is worthy
of all our praise – He alone is Lord.
Come on and join with creation,
let everything shout to praise Him,
Glory to Christ –
He's the one who made us.

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne.**

Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.

Hallelujah!

Praise to Jesus Christ the king.

**Come on, come in, all you weary,
come on and find rest with Jesus,
He is the one who can heal your soul.
Come on and join with the angels,
praising the Lamb who was faithful,
Giving His life – He's the one who saved us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne.**

Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.

Hallelujah!

Praise to Jesus Christ the king.

**Come on, you saints, keep believing,
gather to hear the Lord speaking.
Humble your hearts, tremble at His voice.
Come in with joy for the future,
He will renew heaven and earth,
Jesus is Lord – He's the one who'll raise us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne.
Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.
Hallelujah!
Praise to Jesus Christ the king.**

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Overflowing with hope
Romans 1:1-7

Prayer

**Hark how the adoring hosts above
with songs surround the throne!
Ten thousand, thousand are their tongues;
but all their hearts are one.**

**Worthy the Lamb that died, they cry,
to be exalted thus;
worthy the Lamb, let us reply;
for He was slain for us.**

**Thou hast redeemed us with Thy blood,
and set the prisoners free;
Thou mad'st us kings and priests to God,
and we shall reign with Thee.**

**From every kindred, every tongue,
Thou brought'st Thy chosen race;
and distant lands and isles have shared
the riches of Thy grace.**

**To Him who sits upon the throne,
the God whom we adore,
and to the Lamb that once was slain,
be glory evermore.**

Scottish Paraphrases 1781

Sacrament

**What love could remember
no wrongs we have done?**

**Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum.**

**Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore,
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What patience would wait
as we constantly roam?**

**What Father, so tender,
is calling us home?**

**He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor,**

our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,
stronger than darkness, new every morn,
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What riches of kindness
He lavished on us,
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford,
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,
stronger than darkness, new every morn,
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

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Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

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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

Shaping The Future

Living in the present to shape the future

Ruth 1:6-22

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.**

**O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt His name;
when in distress to Him I called,
He to my rescue came.**

**Of His deliverance I will boast
till all that are distressed
take comfort from God's help to me
and find in Him their rest.**

**The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance He provides for all
who in His mercy trust.**

**O taste His goodness, prove His love!
Experience will decide
how blessed are they, and only they,
who in His truth confide.**

**Fear Him, you saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
His service shall be your delight,
your needs shall be His care.**

Nahum Tate 1652-1715, Nicholas Brady 1659-1726

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Prayer

Ruth 1. 6-22

6 When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there.

Ruth 1. 6-22

⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home.

Ruth 1. 6-22

May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. 9 May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.”

Ruth 1. 6-22

**Then she kissed them
goodbye and they wept
aloud ¹⁰ and said to her, “We
will go back with you to your
people.”**

**¹¹ But Naomi said, “Return
home, my daughters. Why
would you come with me?”**

Ruth 1. 6-22

Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹² Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—

Ruth 1. 6-22

— ¹³ would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"

Ruth 1. 6-22

14 At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

15 “Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.”

Ruth 1. 6-22

16 But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

Ruth 1. 6-22

**17 Where you die I will die,
and there I will be buried.
May the LORD deal with me,
be it ever so severely, if even
death separates you and
me.”**

Ruth 1. 6-22

18 When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

19 So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

Ruth 1. 6-22

When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, “Can this be Naomi?”

²⁰ “Don’t call me Naomi,” she told them. “Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter.

Ruth 1. 6-22

**21 I went away full, but
the LORD has brought me back
empty. Why call me Naomi?
The LORD has afflicted me; the
Almighty has brought
misfortune upon me.”**

Ruth 1. 6-22

²² So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

**My times are in Thy hand:
my God, I wish them there;
my life, my friends, my soul I leave
entirely to Thy care.**

**My times are in Thy hand,
whatever they may be,
pleasing or painful, dark or bright,
as best may seem to Thee.**

**My times are in Thy hand:
why should I doubt or fear?
My Father's hand will never cause
His child a needless tear.**

**My times are in Thy hand,
Jesus, the Crucified;
those hands my cruel sins had pierced
are now my guard and guide.**

**My times are in Thy hand:
I'll always trust in Thee;
and, after death, at Thy right hand
I shall for ever be.**

William Freeman Lloyd, 1791-1853

Living in the present to shape the future
Ruth 1:6-22

**Mine are days that God has numbered,
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer,
though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am His forevermore.**

**Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.**

**Through the valley I must travel
where I see no earthly good.**

**But mine is peace that flows from heaven
and the strength in times of need.**

**I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me.**

**And mine are keys to Zion city
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.**

**Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way,
one with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armour for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war,
and He has said He will deliver
safely to the golden shore.**

**And mine are keys to Zion city
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.**

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thomson

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