



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 21 January

**... in the gospel the righteousness of
God is revealed...**

Romans 1:17

Morning Service

**The Good Way
What is the gospel?
Romans 1:16-17
Rev Jerry Middleton**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song of praise shall be;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, glorious Trinity!

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore You,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea,
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before You,
You were and are, and evermore shall be.**

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide You,
though the eye of sinful man
Your glory may not see,
You alone are holy;
there is none beside You,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Your works shall praise Your Name,
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, glorious Trinity!**

Reginald Heber 1783-1826

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Prayer

Leviticus 16.²⁰⁻²²

²⁰ “When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat.

Leviticus 16.²⁰⁻²²

²¹ He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head.

Leviticus 16.²⁰⁻²²

He shall send the goat away into the wilderness in the care of someone appointed for the task. ²² The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a remote place; and the man shall release it in the wilderness.

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

**And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?**

**In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.**

**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.**

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let angel minds enquire no more.**

**He left His Father's throne above—
so free, so infinite His grace—
emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!**

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for, O my God, it found out me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light,
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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Prayer

What is the gospel?
Romans 1:16-17

Prayer

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied-
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave He rose again.**

**And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

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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
Recovery**

1 Samuel 1:1-8

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him
for He is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear,
brothers and sisters, draw near,
praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,
above all things so mightily reigning;
keeping us safe at His side,
and so gently sustaining.**

**Have you not seen
all you have needed has been
met by His gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord,
who shall prosper our work and defend us;
surely His goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us.**

**Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with His love will befriend us.**

**Praise to the Lord,
who, when darkness and sin are abounding,
who, when the godless are rampant,
all goodness confounding,
breaks forth as light,
scatters the terrors of night,
saints with His mercy surrounding!**

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him;
all that has life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the 'Amen!'
sound from His people again -
gladly we praise and adore Him.

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Prayer

1 Samuel 1. 1-8

There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. ² He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah.

1 Samuel 1. 1-8

**Peninnah had children, but
Hannah had none.**

**³ Year after year this man
went up from his town to
worship and sacrifice to
the LORD Almighty at
Shiloh, where Hophni and
Phinehas, the two sons of
Eli, were priests of the LORD.**

1 Samuel 1. 1-8

⁴ Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb.

1 Samuel 1. 1-8

⁶ Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. ⁷ This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.

1 Samuel 1. 1-8

⁸ Her husband Elkanah would say to her, “Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don’t you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don’t I mean more to you than ten sons?”

**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

Recovery
1 Samuel 1:1-8

Prayer

**O church arise, and put your armour on;
hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle-cry is love,
reaching out to those in darkness.**

**Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword
that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,
an inheritance of nations.**

**Come see the cross,
where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!**

**And as the stone is rolled away,
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues till the day
ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**

**So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in glory.**

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