



# Gilcomston Church

# **Sunday 18 February**

**... the Jews have been entrusted with  
the very words of God...**

**Romans 3:2**

# **Morning Service**

**The Good Way  
Pommel the pastor!  
Romans 3:1-8  
Rev Jerry Middleton**

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to His feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me His praise should sing?**

**Praise Him, praise Him!**

**Praise Him, praise Him!**

**Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise Him, still the same for ever,  
slow to anger, swift to bless:  
Praise Him, praise Him!  
Praise Him, praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.**

**Father-like He tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame He knows:  
in His hands He gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise Him, praise Him!  
Praise Him, praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
Praise Him, praise Him!  
Praise Him, praise Him!  
Praise the high eternal One.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him;  
you behold Him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before Him;  
all who dwell in time and space.**

**Praise Him, praise Him!**

**Praise Him, praise Him!**

**Praise with us the God of grace.**

**Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847**

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**Prayer**

## **Romans 3.1-8**

**What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? <sup>2</sup> Much in every way! First of all, the Jews have been entrusted with the very words of God.**

## **Romans 3.1-8**

**<sup>3</sup> What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness? <sup>4</sup> Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar. As it is written:**

## **Romans 3.1-8**

**“So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge.”**

**<sup>5</sup> But if our unrighteousness brings out God’s righteousness more clearly, what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us?**

## **Romans 3.1-8**

**(I am using a human argument.)<sup>6</sup> Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world?**

**<sup>7</sup> Someone might argue, “If my falsehood enhances God’s truthfulness and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?”**

## **Romans 3.1-8**

**8 Why not say—as some slanderously claim that we say—“Let us do evil that good may result”? Their condemnation is just!**

# Children's Talk

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**The mountains are His, the rivers are His,  
the stars are His handiwork too.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**He's called you to live for Him every day,  
in all that you say and you do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

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**Prayer**

**Lord, for the years  
Your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us,  
cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us,  
pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years,  
we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word,  
the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts  
and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains,  
rebukes us and inspires us;  
Lord of the word,  
receive Your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed  
by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old,  
for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land,  
be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world,  
when we disown and doubt Him,  
loveless in strength,  
and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless,  
lost indeed without Him;  
Lord of the world,  
we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves,  
in living power remake us -  
self on the cross  
and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

**Timothy Dudley Smith**

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**Prayer**

**Pommel the pastor!**  
**Romans 3:1-8**

**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

**Shaping The Future**

**Wheat....or tares?**

**1 Samuel 2:12-26**

**Rev Jerry Middleton**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up it's a new day dawning;  
it's time to sing Your song again.**

**Whatever may pass,  
and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing  
when the evening comes.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**You're rich in love,  
and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness,  
I will keep on singing;  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**And on that day  
when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near,  
and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing Your praise unending:  
ten thousand years, and then forevermore!**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman**

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# Prayer

## **1 Samuel 2. 12-26**

**<sup>12</sup> Eli's sons were scoundrels; they had no regard for the LORD. <sup>13</sup> Now it was the practice of the priests that, whenever any of the people offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand while the meat was being boiled.**

## **1 Samuel 2. 12-26**

**14 and would plunge the fork into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot.**

**Whatever the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is how they treated all the Israelites who came to Shiloh.**

## **1 Samuel 2. 12-26**

**15 But even before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the person who was sacrificing, "Give the priest some meat to roast; he won't accept boiled meat from you, but only raw."**

## **1 Samuel 2. 12-26**

**16 If the person said to him, “Let the fat be burned first, and then take whatever you want,” the servant would answer, “No, hand it over now; if you don’t, I’ll take it by force.”**

## **1 Samuel 2. 12-26**

**17 This sin of the young men was very great in the LORD's sight, for they were treating the LORD's offering with contempt.**

**18 But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod.**

## **1 Samuel 2. 12-26**

**19 Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice.**

## **1 Samuel 2. 12-26**

**20 Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the LORD.” Then they would go home.**

## **1 Samuel 2. 12-26**

**21 And the LORD was gracious to Hannah; she gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.**

## **1 Samuel 2. 12-26**

**22 Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting.**

## 1 Samuel 2. 12-26

<sup>23</sup> So he said to them,  
“Why do you do such  
things? I hear from all the  
people about these  
wicked deeds of  
yours. <sup>24</sup> No, my sons; the  
report I hear spreading  
among the LORD’s people  
is not good.

## **1 Samuel 2. 12-26**

**25 If one person sins against another, God may mediate for the offender; but if anyone sins against the LORD, who will intercede for them?" His sons, however, did not listen to their father's rebuke, for it was the LORD's will to put them to death.**

## **1 Samuel 2. 12-26**

**26 And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favour with the LORD and with people.**

# Prayer

**God is working His purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year;  
God is working His purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near –  
nearer and nearer draws the time –  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.**

**From utmost east to utmost west,  
where'er man's foot hath trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
goes forth the voice of God:  
give ear to me, ye continents –  
ye isles, give ear to Me,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.**

**All we can do is nothing worth,  
unless God blesses the deed;  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide,  
till God gives life to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time –  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.**

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# Prayer

**Wheat...or tares?**  
**1 Samuel 2:12-26**

**Who is on the Lord's side?**

**Who will serve the King?**

**Who will be His helpers  
other lives to bring?**

**Who will leave the world's side?**

**Who will face the foe?**

**Who is on the Lord's side?**

**Who for Him will go?**

**By Your call of mercy,  
by Your grace alone,  
we are on the Lord's side,  
Saviour, all Your own.**

**Jesus, You have bought us,  
not with gold or gem,  
but with Your own lifeblood,  
for Your diadem.**

**With Your blessing filling  
all who come in need,  
You have made us willing,  
made us free indeed.**

**By Your great redemption,  
by Your grace alone,  
we are on the Lord's side,  
Saviour, all Your own.**

**Fierce may be the conflict,  
strong may be the foe;  
but the King's own army  
none can overthrow.**

**Round His standard ranging,  
victory is secure;  
for His truth unchanging  
makes the triumph sure.**

**Joyfully enlisting  
by Your grace alone,  
we are on the Lord's side,  
Saviour, all Your own.**

**Chosen to be soldiers  
in a hostile land,  
chosen, called and faithful,  
for our captain's band.**

**In His service royal  
let us not grow cold;  
let us then be loyal,  
steadfast, true and bold.**

**Master, You will keep us  
by Your grace alone,  
always on the Lord's side,  
Saviour, all Your own.**

**Frances R Havergal 1836-79**

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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.**

# Church Calendar

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