



# Gilcomston Church

**Sunday 3 March**

**... justified freely by His grace...**

**Romans 3:24**

# **Morning Service**

**The Good Way  
Immense and free  
Romans 3:21-26  
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 3.21-26**

**21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.**

**22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.**

## **Romans 3.21-26**

**There is no difference  
between Jew and Gentile  
<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and  
fall short of the glory of  
God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified  
freely by his grace through  
the redemption that came  
by Christ Jesus.**

## **Romans 3.21-26**

**25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—**

## **Romans 3.21-26**

**<sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.**

# 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**

**Immense and free**  
**Romans 3:21-26**

**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?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**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!**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
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.**

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# Sacrament

**There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.**

**Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.**

**Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face.  
And there I'll serve my King for ever,  
in that Holy Place.**

**Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.**

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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  
Abounding – or abandoned?  
1 Samuel 2:30  
Rev Jerry Middleton**

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.**

**And I will trust in You alone.**

**And I will trust in You alone,  
for Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.**

**He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and He anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.**

**And I will trust in You alone.**

**And I will trust in You alone,  
for Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.**

**And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for You are with me,  
and Your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.**

**And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
for Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.**

**Stuart Townend**

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# Prayer

## **Matthew 25. 14-30**

**14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.**

## **Matthew 25. 14-30**

**<sup>16</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.**

## **Matthew 25. 14-30**

<sup>19</sup> “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

## **Matthew 25. 14-30**

**21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’**

## **Matthew 25. 14-30**

**22 “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’**

**23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.’**

## **Matthew 25. 14-30**

**Come and share your  
master's happiness!**

**24 "Then the man who had  
received one bag of gold  
came. 'Master,' he said, 'I  
knew that you are a hard  
man, harvesting where you  
have not sown and gathering  
where you have not  
scattered seed.**

## **Matthew 25. 14-30**

**25** So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

**26** "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?

## **Matthew 25. 14-30**

**27** Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

**28** “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. **29** For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance.

## **Matthew 25. 14-30**

Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

# Prayer

**Hear the call of the kingdom,  
lift your eyes to the King,  
let His song rise within you  
as a fragrant offering  
of how God rich in mercy  
came in Christ to redeem  
all who trust in His unfailing grace.**

**Hear the call of the Kingdom  
to be children of light,  
with the mercy of heaven,  
the humility of Christ,  
walking justly before Him,  
loving all that is right,  
that the life of Christ may shine through us.**

**King of Heaven we will answer the call,  
we will follow bringing hope to the world.**

**Filled with passion,  
filled with power to proclaim  
salvation in Jesus' name.**

**Hear the call of the Kingdom  
to reach out to the lost  
with the Father's compassion  
in the wonder of the cross,  
bringing peace and forgiveness  
and a hope yet to come,  
let the nations put their trust in Him.**

**King of Heaven we will answer the call,  
we will follow bringing hope to the world.**

**Filled with passion,  
filled with power to proclaim  
salvation in Jesus' name.**

**Keith Getty and Stuart Townend**

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# Prayer

**Abounding – or abandoned?  
1 Samuel 2:30**

**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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**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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