



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 14 April

**...we rejoice in the hope of the glory of
God...**

Romans 5:2

Morning Service

**The Good Way
Right with God
Romans 5:1-11**

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

Romans 5.1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

Romans 5.1-5

And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 5.1-5

5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Children's Talk

**Jesus wants me to be a bright light shining
in the darkness so people can see.
Jesus wants me to be a brave flame burning
with His love as He wants me to be.**

**Though it's hard, I know when the feelings go
and the darkness is pressing me in,
but I'll carry on for His love is strong,
it's His light that will make me shine,
it's His light that will make me shine.**

Crawford Mackenzie

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Prayer

**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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Prayer

Right with God
Romans 5:1-11

Prayer

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us Your humble dwelling,
all Your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, You are all compassion,
boundless love that makes us whole;
visit us with Your salvation,
enter every trembling soul.**

**Breathe on us Your loving Spirit;
every troubled heart be blessed:
let us all in You inherit,
let us find Your promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all Your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more Your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
serve You as Your hosts above,
pray, and praise You, without ceasing,
glory in Your perfect love.**

**Finish then Your new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Your great salvation,
perfect in eternity,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before You,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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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

Life on the slide

1 Samuel 4:1-11

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Jesus is the name we honour,
Jesus is the name we praise,
majestic Name above all other names,
the highest heav'n and earth proclaim
that Jesus is our God.**

**We will glorify, we will lift Him high,
we will give Him honour and praise.**

**We will glorify, we will lift Him high,
we will give Him honour and praise.**

**Jesus is the name we worship,
Jesus is the name we trust.
He is the King above all other kings,
let all creation stand and sing
that Jesus is our God.**

**We will glorify, we will lift Him high,
we will give Him honour and praise.**

**We will glorify, we will lift Him high,
we will give Him honour and praise.**

**Jesus is the Father's splendour,
Jesus is the Father's joy.
He will return to reign in majesty,
and ev'ry eye at last shall see
that Jesus is our God.**

**We will glorify, we will lift Him high,
we will give Him honour and praise.
We will glorify, we will lift Him high,
we will give Him honour and praise.**

Phil Lawson-Johnston

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Prayer

1 Samuel 4. 1-11

Now the Israelites went out to fight against the Philistines. The Israelites camped at Ebenezer, and the Philistines at Aphek.

1 Samuel 4. 1-11

² The Philistines deployed their forces to meet Israel, and as the battle spread, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand of them on the battlefield.

1 Samuel 4. 1-11

³ When the soldiers returned to camp, the elders of Israel asked, “Why did the LORD bring defeat on us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the LORD’s covenant from Shiloh,

1 Samuel 4. 1-11

so that he may go with us and save us from the hand of our enemies.”

⁴ So the people sent men to Shiloh, and they brought back the ark of the covenant of the LORD Almighty,

1 Samuel 4. 1-11

who is enthroned between the cherubim. And Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

1 Samuel 4. 1-11

⁵ When the ark of the LORD's covenant came into the camp, all Israel raised such a great shout that the ground shook. ⁶ Hearing the uproar, the Philistines asked,

1 Samuel 4. 1-11

“What’s all this shouting in the Hebrew camp?”

When they learned that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp, ⁷ the Philistines were afraid. “A god has come into the camp,” they said.

1 Samuel 4. 1-11

“Oh no! Nothing like this has happened before.

⁸ We're doomed! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? They are the gods who struck the Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness.

1 Samuel 4. 1-11

9 Be strong, Philistines! Be men, or you will be subject to the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Be men, and fight!”

10 So the Philistines fought, and the Israelites were defeated and every man fled to his tent.

1 Samuel 4. 1-11

The slaughter was very great; Israel lost thirty thousand foot soldiers.

¹¹ The ark of God was captured, and Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

**O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!**

**Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and His word?**

**What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.**

**Return, O Holy Dove! Return,
sweet messenger of rest!**

**I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
and drove Thee from my breast.**

**The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from Thy throne,
and worship only Thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.**

William Cowper 1731-1800

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Life on the slide
1 Samuel 4:1-11

Prayer

**There is a hope that burns within my heart,
that gives me strength for ev'ry passing day;
a glimpse of glory
now revealed in meagre part,
yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n;
and Christ in me, the hope of heav'n!
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
to make His will my home.**

**There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
a consolation strong against despair,
that when the world
has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!**

**Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
and they will lead me home.**

**There is a hope that stands the test of time,
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine,
when I behold His face!**

**When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
and every longing satisfied,
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
for I am truly home.**

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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.**