



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 21 April

**...as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will
be made alive...**

1 Corinthians 15:22

Morning Service

**The Good Way
In Christ alone
Romans 5:12-21**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise –
in all His words most wonderful,
most sure in all His ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;**

**O generous love! that He who smote
in Man, for man, the foe,
the double agony in Man,
for man, should undergo.**

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and in the depth be praise, -
in all His words most wonderful,
most sure in all His ways.**

John Henry Newman 1801-90

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Prayer

Romans 5.12-14

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

Romans 5.12-14

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

Romans 5.12-14

¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

Children's Talk

**When the Father made us
He knew we'd run from Him
and try to hide our sin.**

**But He wanted to save us,
His own were on His heart
before He made the stars.**

**Oh, oh, no one is good, not even one.
But God can make us daughters,
God can make us sons.
Jesus paid the price
when He offered up His life
so we could be part of God's great family.**

**When the Father draws us
it's like a magnet's pull.**

He's irresistible!

**When the Spirit calls us
He brings the dead to life
He gives the blind new eyes.**

**Oh, oh, no one is good, not even one.
But God can make us daughters,
God can make us sons.
Jesus paid the price
when He offered up His life
so we could be part of God's great family.**

**When He calls, when He draws
we are His forever.**

**He will never let you go,
He will never let you go.**

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we are His forever.**

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Jon Althoff and Bob Kauflin

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Prayer

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
there is no more for heaven now to give.**

**He is my joy, my righteousness,
and freedom,
my steadfast love,
my deep and boundless peace.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing,
"All is mine",
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need, His power is displayed.**

**To this I hold,
my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome,
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
and He was raised
to overthrow the grave.**

**To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing,
"I am free",
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for He has said
that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

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Prayer

In Christ alone
Romans 5:12-21

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**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

Centre of gravity

1 Samuel 4:12-22

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit,
great I AM, the Three-in-One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory
while eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us,
washed us from each guilty stain!**

**Glory be to Him who bought us,
made us kings with Him to reign!**

**Glory, glory, glory, glory
to the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the church's King,
glory to the King of nations!**

**Heaven and earth, Your praises bring;
glory, glory, glory, glory
to the King of glory bring!**

**‘Glory, blessing, praise eternal!’
Thus the choir of angels sings;
‘honour, riches, power, dominion!’
Thus its praise creation brings;
glory, glory, glory, glory
glory to the King of kings!**

Horatius Bonar, 1808-89

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Prayer

1 Samuel 4. 12-22

¹² That same day a Benjamite ran from the battle line and went to Shiloh with his clothes torn and dust on his head.

¹³ When he arrived, there was Eli sitting on his chair by the side of the road,

1 Samuel 4. 12-22

because his heart feared
for the ark of God. When
the man entered the town
and told what had
happened, the whole
town sent up a cry.

1 Samuel 4. 12-22

¹⁴ Eli heard the outcry and asked, “What is the meaning of this uproar?”

The man hurried over to Eli, ¹⁵ who was ninety-eight years old and whose eyes had failed so that he could not see.

1 Samuel 4. 12-22

¹⁶ He told Eli, “I have just come from the battle line; I fled from it this very day.” Eli asked, “What happened, my son?”

1 Samuel 4. 12-22

¹⁷ The man who brought the news replied, “Israel fled before the Philistines, and the army has suffered heavy losses. Also your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been captured.”

1 Samuel 4. 12-22

18 When he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell backward off his chair by the side of the gate. His neck was broken and he died, for he was an old man, and he was heavy. He had led Israel forty years.

1 Samuel 4. 12-22

19 His daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant and near the time of delivery. When she heard the news that the ark of God had been captured and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead,

1 Samuel 4. 12-22

she went into labour and gave birth, but was overcome by her labour pains. ²⁰ As she was dying, the women attending her said, “Don’t despair; you have given birth to a son.” But she did not respond or pay any attention.

1 Samuel 4. 12-22

²¹ She named the boy Ichabod, saying, “The Glory has departed from Israel”—because of the capture of the ark of God and the deaths of her father-in-law and her husband.

1 Samuel 4. 12-22

²² She said, “The Glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.”

**The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
the darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy Kingdom stands and grows for ever,
till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.**

John Ellerton, 1826-93

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Prayer

**My soul finds rest in God alone,
my rock and my salvation,
a fortress strong against my foes,
and I will not be shaken.**

**Though lips may bless
and hearts may curse,
and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,
I'll look to Him who hears me.**

**O praise Him, hallelujah;
my delight and my reward:
everlasting, never failing;
my Redeemer, my God.**

**Find rest my soul in God alone
amid the world's temptations.
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go
don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow
are harvested in heaven.**

**O praise Him, hallelujah;
my delight and my reward:
everlasting, never failing;
my Redeemer, my God.**

**I'll set my gaze on God alone
and trust in Him completely.
With every day pour out my soul
and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath
a sigh too brief to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death
and I am His forever.**

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