Gilcomston Church

Sunday 28 April

…as those who have been brought
from death to life…
Romans 6:13

Morning Service

The Good Way
Lazarus look-alikes
Romans 6:1-14

O for a thousand tongues, to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the Name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
that bids our sorrows cease;
’tis music in the sinner’s ears,
’tis life, and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
new life the dead receive,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Glory to God, and praise, and love
be ever, ever given
be ever, ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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Prayer

Romans 6.1-4

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?
2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Romans 6.1-4

3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Romans 6.1-4

4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Children’s Talk

He lives! He lives! Jesus the Saviour.
He lives! He lives! He rose from the grave.
And He's mighty, mighty, mighty
mighty, mighty, mighty,
mighty, mighty, mighty,
mighty, mighty to save!

Jesus died upon the cross,
they laid Him in the grave.
Three days later Sunday came
the stone was rolled away.
Hear the angels say:

He lives! He lives! Jesus the Saviour.
He lives! He lives! He rose from the grave.
And He's mighty, mighty, mighty
mighty, mighty, mighty,
mighty, mighty, mighty,
mighty, mighty to save!

Jesus is the only way,
He breaks the power of sin.
All who come believing
are gonna rise again like Him.
Hear the angels sing:

He lives! He lives! Jesus the Saviour.
He lives! He lives! He rose from the grave.
And He's mighty, mighty, mighty
mighty, mighty, mighty,
mighty, mighty, mighty,
mighty, mighty to save!

Colin Buchanan

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Prayer

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy,
when Christ is ours forevermore.

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

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Romans 6:1-14

Romans 6.5-14

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6.5-14

6 For we know that our old
self was crucified with
him so that the body ruled
by sin might be done
away with, that we should
no longer be slaves to
sin— 7 because anyone
who has died has been set
free from sin.

Romans 6.5-14

8 Now if we died with
Christ, we believe that we
will also live with him. 9 For
we know that since Christ
was raised from the dead,
he cannot die again;
death no longer has
mastery over him.

Romans 6.5-14

10 The death he died, he
died to sin once for all; but
the life he lives, he lives to
God.
11 In the same way, count
yourselves dead to sin but
alive to God in Christ
Jesus.

Romans 6.5-14

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

Romans 6.5-14

13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

Romans 6.5-14

14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

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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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
Pursuing God's glory
1 Samuel 4:19-22
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 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.”

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

Pursuing God’s glory
1 Samuel 4:19-22

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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be with us all.
Amen.