



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 5 May

**...you have been set free from sin and
have become slaves of God...**

Romans 6:22

Morning Service

**The Good Way
Freedom
Romans 6:15-23**

**Behold! the mountain of the Lord
in latter days shall rise
on mountain tops above the hills,
and draw the wondering eyes.**

**To this the joyful nations round,
all tribes and tongues, shall flow;
up to the hill of God, they'll say,
and to His house we'll go.**

**The beam that shines from Zion hill
shall lighten every land;
the King who reigns in Salem's Towers
shall all the world command.**

**Among the nations He shall judge;
His judgments truth shall guide;
His sceptre shall protect the just,
and quell the sinner's pride.**

**No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds
disturb those peaceful years;
to ploughshares men
shall beat their swords,
to pruning-hooks their spears.**

**Come then, O house of Jacob! Come
to worship at His shrine;
and, walking in the light of God,
with holy beauties shine.**

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Prayer

Romans 6.15-18

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

Romans 6.15-18

¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey— whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

Romans 6.15-18

17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.

Romans 6.15-18

18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.



Children's Talk

**Teach me to trust You, Lord Jesus,
help me to draw close to You.
Let me be filled with Your joy and delight,
Lord, may I know more of You.**

**Teach me to pray to You, Jesus,
please give me the right words to say.
Help me to pray for my friends at school,
so they may get to know You.**

**Teach me to love You, Lord Jesus,
show me the things I must do.
Help me to get to that place, O Lord,
where I can be close to You.**

Iain Craig

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Prayer

Freedom
Romans 6:15-23

Romans 6.15-23

¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.

Romans 6.15-23

20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!

Romans 6.15-23

²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

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

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Prayer

Communion

**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.**

Melody Green

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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
Every knee shall bow
1 Samuel 5:1-12
Rev Jerry Middleton**

**O come, and let us to the Lord
in songs our voices raise,
with joyful noise let us the Rock
of our salvation praise.**

**Let us before His presence come
with praise and thankful voice;
let us sing psalms to Him with grace,
and make a joyful noise.**

**The Lord's a great God, and great King
above all gods He is;
depths of the earth are in His hand,
the strength of hills is His.**

**To Him the spacious sea belongs,
for He the same did make;
the dry land also from His hands
its form at first did take.**

**O come and let us worship Him,
let us bow down withal,
and on our knees before the Lord
our Maker let us fall.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore.**

Psalm 95

Prayer

1 Samuel 5. 1-12

After the Philistines had captured the ark of God, they took it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.

² Then they carried the ark into Dagon's temple and set it beside Dagon.

1 Samuel 5. 1-12

³ When the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the LORD! They took Dagon and put him back in his place.

1 Samuel 5. 1-12

4 But the following morning when they rose, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the LORD! His head and hands had been broken off and were lying on the threshold; only his body remained.

1 Samuel 5. 1-12

**⁵ That is why to this day
neither the priests of
Dagon nor any others
who enter Dagon's
temple at Ashdod step on
the threshold.**

1 Samuel 5. 1-12

6 The LORD's hand was heavy on the people of Ashdod and its vicinity; he brought devastation on them and afflicted them with tumours.

1 Samuel 5. 1-12

7 When the people of Ashdod saw what was happening, they said, “The ark of the god of Israel must not stay here with us, because his hand is heavy on us and on Dagon our god.”

1 Samuel 5. 1-12

8 So they called together all the rulers of the Philistines and asked them, “What shall we do with the ark of the god of Israel?”

They answered, “Have the ark of the god of Israel moved to Gath.”

1 Samuel 5. 1-12

So they moved the ark of the God of Israel.

⁹ But after they had moved it, the LORD's hand was against that city, throwing it into a great panic. He afflicted the people of the city, both young and old, with an outbreak of tumours.

1 Samuel 5. 1-12

¹⁰ So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. As the ark of God was entering Ekron, the people of Ekron cried out, "They have brought the ark of the god of Israel around to us to kill us and our people."

1 Samuel 5. 1-12

11 So they called together all the rulers of the Philistines and said, "Send the ark of the god of Israel away; let it go back to its own place, or it will kill us and our people."

1 Samuel 5. 1-12

For death had filled the city with panic; God's hand was very heavy on it. ¹² Those who did not die were afflicted with tumours, and the outcry of the city went up to heaven.

**I will give thanks to Thee,
O Lord, among the peoples,
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great,
is great to the heavens,
and Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,
to the clouds.**

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
let Thy glory be over all the earth!**

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
let Thy glory, let Thy glory,
let Thy glory be over all the earth.**

Brent Chambers

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**All hail the lamb enthroned on high,
His praise shall be our battle cry.
He reigns victorious, for ever glorious,
His name is Jesus,
He is the Lord.**

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His praise shall be our battle cry.
He reigns victorious, for ever glorious,
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He is the Lord.**

Dave Bilbrough

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Prayer

Every knee shall bow
1 Samuel 5:1-12

Prayer

**At the Name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess Him
King of Glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call Him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners,
unto whom He came,
faithfully He bore it
spotless to the last;
brought it back victorious,
when from death He passed.**

**In your hearts enthrone Him;
there let Him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown Him as your Captain
in temptation's hour;
let His will enfold you
in its light and power.**

**Honour this Lord Jesus
He'll return again,
with His Father's glory,
with His angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon His brow,
and our hearts confess Him
King of Glory now.**

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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.**