



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 12 May

**...that you might belong to another...
Romans 7:4**

Morning Service

**The Good Way
Released
Romans 7:1-6**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.

**He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for His own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
for Thou art with me; and Thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

Prayer

Romans 7.4-6

⁴ So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

Romans 7.4-6

⁵ For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death.

Romans 7.4-6

6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

Children's Talk

Come on, come in, everybody!
There is a God who is worthy
of all our praise – He alone is Lord.
Come on and join with creation,
let everything shout to praise Him,
Glory to Christ –
He's the one who made us.

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne.**

Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.

Hallelujah!

Praise to Jesus Christ the king.

**Come on, come in, all you weary,
come on and find rest with Jesus,
He is the one who can heal your soul.
Come on and join with the angels,
praising the Lamb who was faithful,
Giving His life – He's the one who saved us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne.**

Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.

Hallelujah!

Praise to Jesus Christ the king.

**Come on, you saints, keep believing,
gather to hear the Lord speaking.
Humble your hearts, tremble at His voice.
Come in with joy for the future,
He will renew heaven and earth,
Jesus is Lord – He's the one who'll raise us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne.
Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.
Hallelujah!
Praise to Jesus Christ the king.**

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Prayer

**My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness,
and clothed me in His light,
and wrote His law of righteousness
with pow'r upon my heart.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fear to fly;
whose ev'ry promise is enough
for ev'ry step I take;
sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who reigns above;
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all
to love and follow Him.**

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Prayer

Released
Romans 7:1-6

Romans 7.1-3

Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives?

Romans 7.1-3

² For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him.

Romans 7.1-3

³ So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

Prayer

**Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,
and Grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that Grace appear,
the hour I first believed!**

**My chains are gone. I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing Grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**My chains are gone. I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing Grace.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.**

**But God who called me here below,
will be forever mine, will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.**

John P Rees, John Newton, Edwin Othello Excell

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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

Rooting out the rats

1 Samuel 6:1-12

Rev Jerry Middleton

**○ Lord our God,
how majestic is Your name,
the earth is filled with Your glory.
○ Lord, our God, You are robed in majesty,
You've set your glory above the heavens.**

**We will magnify
we will magnify
the Lord enthroned in Zion.**

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the Lord enthroned in Zion.**

**○ Lord our God,
You have established a throne,
You reign in righteousness and splendour.**

**○ Lord our God,
the skies are ringing with Your praise,
soon those on earth will come to worship.**

**We will magnify
we will magnify
the Lord enthroned in Zion.**

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**○ Lord our God,
the world was made at Your command,
in You all things now hold together.
Now to Him who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb,
be praise and glory and power for ever.**

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Phil Lawson Johnston

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Prayer

1 Samuel 6. 1-12

When the ark of the LORD had been in Philistine territory seven months,² the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners and said, “What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us how we should send it back to its place.”

1 Samuel 6. 1-12

³ They answered, “If you return the ark of the god of Israel, do not send it back to him without a gift; by all means send a guilt offering to him. Then you will be healed, and you will know why his hand has not been lifted from you.”

1 Samuel 6. 1-12

**4 The Philistines asked,
“What guilt offering
should we send to him?”
They replied, “Five gold
tumours and five gold
rats, according to the
number of the Philistine
rulers, because the same
plague has struck both
you and your rulers.**

1 Samuel 6. 1-12

⁵ Make models of the tumours and of the rats that are destroying the country, and give glory to Israel's god. Perhaps he will lift his hand from you and your gods and your land.

1 Samuel 6. 1-12

6 Why do you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh did? When Israel's god dealt harshly with them, did they not send the Israelites out so they could go on their way?

1 Samuel 6. 1-12

7 “Now then, get a new cart ready, with two cows that have calved and have never been yoked. Hitch the cows to the cart, but take their calves away and pen them up.

1 Samuel 6. 1-12

⁸ Take the ark of the LORD and put it on the cart, and in a chest beside it put the gold objects you are sending back to him as a guilt offering. Send it on its way, but keep watching it.

1 Samuel 6. 1-12

⁹ If it goes up to its own territory, toward Beth Shemesh, then the LORD has brought this great disaster on us. But if it does not, then we will know that it was not his hand that struck us but that it happened to us by chance.”

1 Samuel 6. 1-12

¹⁰ So they did this. They took two such cows and hitched them to the cart and penned up their calves. ¹¹ They placed the ark of the LORD on the cart and along with it the chest containing the gold rats and the models of the tumours.

1 Samuel 6. 1-12

12 Then the cows went straight up toward Beth Shemesh, keeping on the road and lowing all the way; they did not turn to the right or to the left. The rulers of the Philistines followed them as far as the border of Beth Shemesh.

**Lord, for the years
Your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us;
Lord of the word,
receive Your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed
by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old,
for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world,
when we disown and doubt Him,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without Him;
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves,
in living power remake us -
self on the cross
and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Timothy Dudley Smith

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Prayer

Rooting out the rats
1 Samuel 6:1-12

Prayer

**Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with Your living fire of judgement
purge this realm of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of Your wings.**

**Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release;
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.**

**Crown, O God, Your own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with Your sword;
feed the faithless and the hungry
with the richness of Your word;
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.**

Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

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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.**