



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 30 June

**...we wait eagerly... we wait patiently...
Romans 8:23, 25**

Morning Service

The Good Way

Waiting

Romans 8:18-25

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Blest be the everlasting God,
the Father of our Lord!
Be His abounding mercy praised,
His majesty adored!**

**When from the dead He raised His Son,
and called Him to the sky,
He gave our souls a lively hope
that they should never die.**

**To an inheritance divine
He taught our hearts to rise;
'tis uncorrupted, undefiled,
unfading in the skies.**

**Saints by the power of God are kept,
till the salvation come;
we walk by faith as strangers here:
but Christ shall call us home.**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

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Prayer

Romans 8.18-25

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Romans 8.18-25

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

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

**See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!**

**See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!**

**See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!**

**The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till He appears,
for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!**

**One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority!**

**And we are raised with Him,
death is dead, love has won,
Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with Him,
for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!**

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Waiting
Romans 8:18-21

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.**

Evening Service

Shaping The Future

Banana skins and blind spots

1 Samuel 8:1-22

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Come, people of the Risen King,
who delight to bring Him praise;
come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, young and old from every land -
men and women of the faith;
come, those with full or empty hands -
find the riches of His grace.**

**Over all the world, His people sing -
shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age:
“Our God is all in all”!**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

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Prayer

1 Samuel 8. 1-22

When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's leaders. ² The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba.

1 Samuel 8. 1-22

³ But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

⁴ So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah.

1 Samuel 8. 1-22

⁵ They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.”

⁶ But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD.

1 Samuel 8. 1-22

**7 And the LORD told him:
“Listen to all that the
people are saying to
you; it is not you they
have rejected, but they
have rejected me as
their king.**

1 Samuel 8. 1-22

8 As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you.

1 Samuel 8. 1-22

9 Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.”

10 Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king.

1 Samuel 8. 1-22

11 He said, “This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots.

1 Samuel 8. 1-22

12 Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plough his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.

1 Samuel 8. 1-22

¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants.

1 Samuel 8. 1-22

¹⁵ He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants.

¹⁶ Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. “No!” they said.

1 Samuel 8. 1-22

“We want a king over us. ²⁰ Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.”

²¹ When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the LORD.

1 Samuel 8. 1-22

**22 The LORD answered,
“Listen to them and give
them a king.”**

**Then Samuel said to the
Israelites, “Everyone go
back to your own town.”**

Prayer

**From heaven You came, helpless babe,
entered our world, Your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give Your life that we might live.**

**This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.**

**There in the garden of tears
my heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
“Yet not My will, but Yours” He said.**

**This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.**

**Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.**

**This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.**

**So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone Him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.**

**This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.**

Graham Kendrick 1983

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Banana skins and blind spots
1 Samuel 8:1-22

Prayer

**Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as
thy chosen King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Son of God
before the worlds began;
and ye who tread where He hath trod,
crown Him the Son of Man,
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for His own,
that all in Him may rest.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife,
for those He came to save:**

**His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown Him the King to whom is given
the wondrous name of love:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of lords,
who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light,
where saints with angels sing
their songs before Him day and night,
their God, Redeemer, King.**

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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.**