



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 7 July

**...the Spirit helps us in our weakness...
Romans 8:26**

Morning Service

**The Good Way
The Lord our Helper
Romans 8:22-27
Rev Jerry Middleton**

**God is our refuge and our strength,
our ever-present aid,
and therefore though the earth should move,
we will not be afraid;
though hills are thrown into the sea,
though foaming waters roar,
and though the mighty earthquake moves
the mountains on the shore.**

**A river flows whose streams make glad
the city of our God,
the holy place in which the Lord
most High has His abode;
since God is in the midst of her,
unmoved her walls shall stand,
for God will help at break of day,
when trouble is at hand.**

**'Be still and know that I am God,
set over all on high;
the humbled nations of the earth:
my name shall magnify.'**

**The Lord of hosts is on our side,
our safety to secure;
the God of Jacob is for us
a refuge strong and sure.**

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Prayer

Romans 8.26-27

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Romans 8.26-27

27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

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



the good way

Romans 8.22-27

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²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8.22-27

24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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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.**

**Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa
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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

Give us a king!

1 Samuel 8:1-22

Rev Jerry Middleton

**His large and great dominion shall
from sea to sea extend:
it from the river shall reach forth
unto earth's utmost end.**

**The kings of Tarshish, and the isles,
to Him shall presents bring;
and unto Him shall offer gifts
Sheba's and Seba's king.**

**Yea, all the mighty kings on earth
before Him down shall fall;
and all the nations of the world
do service to Him shall.**

**His Name for ever shall endure;
last like the sun it shall:
men shall be blest in Him, and blest
all nations shall Him call.**

**Now blessed be the Lord our God,
the God of Israel,
for He alone doth wondrous works,
in glory that excel.**

**And blessed be His glorious Name
to all eternity:
the whole earth let His glory fill.
Amen, so let it be.**

Psalm 72

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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

**King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me,
gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong deliv'rer, beginning and end,
all within me falls at Your throne.**

**Your majesty, I can but bow.
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your majesty.**

**Earth and heaven worship You,
love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to Your throne;
all within me cries out in praise.**

**Your majesty, I can but bow.
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your majesty.**

Jarrod Cooper

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Prayer



Give us a king!

shaping the future

1 Samuel 8.¹⁻²²

Prayer

**Lord of creation, to You be all praise!
Most mighty your working,
most wondrous Your ways!
Who reigns in great glory
that tongue cannot tell,
yet deigns in the heart
of the humble to dwell.**

**Lord of all power, I give You my will,
in joyful obedience Your tasks to fulfil.**

Your bondage is freedom;

Your service is song;

and, held in Your keeping,

my weakness is strong.

**Lord of all wisdom, I give You my mind,
rich truth that surpasses
man's knowledge to find.**

**What eye has not seen
and what ear has not heard
is taught by Your Spirit
and shines from Your Word.**

**Lord of all bounty, I give You my heart;
I praise and adore You in whole not in part;
Your love to inflame me,
Your counsel to guide,
Your presence to shield me,
Your strength at my side.**

**Lord of all being, I give You my all,
for if I disown You, I stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service
Your word to obey,
I walk in Your freedom
to the end of the way.**

Jack Copley Winslow 1882-1974

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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.**