



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 14 July

...who shall separate us from the love of Christ...
Romans 8:35

Morning Service

**The Good Way
No love is greater!
Romans 8:28-39**

Rev Jerry Middleton

**The Saviour died, but rose again
triumphant from the grave;
and pleads our cause at God's right hand,
omnipotent to save.**

**Who then can e'er divide us more
from Jesus and His love,
or break the sacred chain that binds
the earth to heav'n above?**

**Let troubles rise, and terrors frown,
and days of darkness fall;
through Him all dangers we'll defy,
and more than conquer all.**

**Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell,
nor time's destroying sway,
can e'er efface us from His heart,
or make His love decay.**

**Each future period that will bless,
as it has bless'd the past;
He lov'd us from the first of time,
He loves us to the last.**

Paraphrase 48 v5-9

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Prayer

Romans 8.28-32

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8.28-32

29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8.28-32

³⁰ And those predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8.28-32

³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Children's Talk

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.

**He said the sons of Abraham
would be more than the grains of sand.**

**And so, His family grew
underneath the Pharaoh's rule.**

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.

**He said the blood upon the door
would keep the Israelites secure.**

**And so, He stayed His hand
and led them to the Promised Land.**

**Our God is good and true,
He cannot lie to me and you.
We can be sure of this:
God always keeps His promises.**

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.

**He gave us laws to be obeyed
and we broke every one He made.**

But when we ran from Him

God said He'd take care of our sin.

**Our God is good and true,
He cannot lie to me and you.
We can be sure of this
God always keeps His promises.**

**Oh, God He always keeps His promises.
He said His Son would set us free
through His death at Calvary.
He suffered in our place
and then He rose up from the grave.**

**Our God is good and true,
He cannot lie to me and you.
We can be sure of this,
God always keeps His promises.**

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Prayer

**From the breaking of the dawn
to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save,
that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**When I stumble and I sin,
condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**You are faithful to forgive
that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**Guilt to innocence restored,
You remember sins no more—
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**When I'm faced with anguished choice,
I will listen for Your voice,
and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
And You've promised to complete
ev'ry work begun in me—
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**Hope that lifts me from despair,
love that casts out ev'ry fear,
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe—
we will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

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the good way

Romans 8.28-39

Romans 8.33-39

³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Romans 8.33-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Romans 8.33-39

36 As it is written:

**“For your sake we face
death all day long;**

**we are considered as
sheep to be slaughtered.”**

**37 No, in all these things we
are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.**

Romans 8.33-39

**38 For I am convinced that
neither death nor life,
neither angels nor
demons, neither the
present nor the future, nor
any powers,**

Romans 8.33-39

39 neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to
separate us from the love
of God that is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

Prayer

**We won't fear the battle,
we won't fear the night.
We will walk the valley,
with You by our side.
You will go before us,
You will lead the way,
we have found a refuge,
only You can save.**

**Sing with joy now: our God is for us,
the Father's love
is a strong and mighty fortress.
Raise your voice now, no love is greater.
Who can stand against us
if our God is for us?**

**Even when I stumble,
even when I fall,
even when I turn back,
still Your love is sure.
You will not abandon,
You will not forsake,
You will cheer me onward
with never ending grace.**

**Sing with joy now: our God is for us,
the Father's love
is a strong and mighty fortress.
Raise your voice now, no love is greater.
Who can stand against us
if our God is for us?**

**Neither height nor depth can separate us,
hell and death will not defeat us,
He who gave His Son to free us
holds me in His love.**

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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

Always more

1 Samuel 9:1-17

Rev Jerry Middleton

**The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,
O earth, and all you heavens, rejoice;
from world to world the song shall ring:
‘The Lord omnipotent is King!’**

**The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
resist His will, distrust His care
or quarrel with His wise decrees,
or doubt His royal promises?**

**The Lord is King! Child of the dust,
the Judge of all the earth is just;
holy and true are all His ways –
let every creature speak His praise!**

**He reigns! You saints, His praises sing:
your Father reigns, your God is King;
and Christ is seated at His side,
the Man of love, the Crucified.**

**The Lord, one kingdom, all secures:
He reigns, and life and death are yours;
Through earth and heaven
one song shall ring:
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'**

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Prayer

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

**There was a Benjaminite,
a man of standing,
whose name was Kish
son of Abiel, the son of
Zeror, the son of
Bekorath, the son of
Aphiah of Benjamin.**

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

2 Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else.

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

³ Now the donkeys belonging to Saul's father Kish were lost, and Kish said to his son Saul, 'Take one of the servants with you and go and look for the donkeys.'

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

4 So he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and through the area around Shalisha, but they did not find them. They went on into the district of Shaalim, but the donkeys were not there.

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

Then he passed through the territory of Benjamin, but they did not find them. ⁵ When they reached the district of Zuph, Saul said to the servant who was with him,

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

**, 'Come, let's go back,
or my father will stop
thinking about the
donkeys and start
worrying about us.'**

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

**6 But the servant replied,
'Look, in this town there is
a man of God; he is
highly respected, and
everything he says
comes true. Let's go
there now. Perhaps he
will tell us what way to
take.'**

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

⁷ Saul said to his servant, 'If we go, what can we give the man? The food in our sacks is gone. We have no gift to take to the man of God. What do we have?'

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

⁸ The servant answered him again. 'Look,' he said, 'I have a quarter of a shekel of silver. I will give it to the man of God so that he will tell us what way to take.'

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

9 (Formerly in Israel, if someone went to enquire of God, they would say, 'Come, let us go to the seer,' because the prophet of today used to be called a seer.)

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

¹⁰ 'Good,' Saul said to his servant. 'Come, let's go.' So they set out for the town where the man of God was.

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

11 As they were going up the hill to the town, they met some young women coming out to draw water, and they asked them, 'Is the seer here?'

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

¹² 'He is,' they answered. 'He's ahead of you. Hurry now; he has just come to our town today, for the people have a sacrifice at the high place. ¹³ As soon as you enter the town, you will find him before he goes up to the high place to eat.'

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

The people will not begin eating until he comes, because he must bless the sacrifice; afterwards, those who are invited will eat. Go up now; you should find him about this time.'

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

14 They went up to the town, and as they were entering it, there was Samuel, coming towards them on his way up to the high place.

15 Now the day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed this to Samuel:

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

16 'About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him ruler over My people Israel; he will deliver them from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked on My people, for their cry has reached Me.'

1 Samuel 9. 1-17

17 When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the Lord said to him, 'This is the man I spoke to you about; he will govern My people.'

**Were I to cross from land to land
and sail afar by sea,
descend the depths or climb the heights,
my Lord remains with me.**

**Before the blood ran in these veins
the days ordained for me
were written in Your book, O Lord
before I came to be.**

**I grieve to hear Your enemies
speak hatred, Lord, of You,
long though they scheme with ill intent,
their days are numbered too.
How precious are your thoughts to me,
how countless, Lord, they are:
more than the shores have grains of sand,
more than the skies have stars.**

**Come search and test this heart, O Lord,
dispel each anxious thought
and lead me onward evermore
to tread the path I ought.**

**How blessed I am so bound with love,
surrounded yet so free.**

**In doubt or blessing, life or death,
my Lord remains with me.**

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Prayer



Always more!

shaping the future

1 Samuel 9.¹⁻¹⁷

Prayer

**What love could remember
no wrongs we have done?**

**Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum.**

**Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore,
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,
stronger than darkness, new every morn,
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What patience would wait
as we constantly roam?**

**What Father, so tender,
is calling us home?**

**He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor,**

our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,
stronger than darkness, new every morn,
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What riches of kindness
He lavished on us,
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford,
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**