



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 11 August

**...be transformed by the renewing of your
mind...**

Romans 12:2

Morning Service

**The Good Way
Radical renewal!**

Romans 12:1-21

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All within that holy city
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
sing, in perfect harmony;
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**We as living stones implore You:
come among us, Lord, today!
With Your promised loving-kindness
hear Your people as we pray;
and the fullness of Your blessing
in our fellowship display.**

**Here entrust to all Your servants
what we long from You to gain —
that on earth and in the heavens
we Your people shall remain,
till united in Your glory
evermore with You we reign.**

**Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One:
one in power and one in glory
while eternal ages run.**

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Prayer

Romans 12.1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12.1-2

² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Children's Talk

**Jesus wants me to be a bright light shining
in the darkness so people can see.**

**Jesus wants me to be a
brave flame burning
with His love as He wants me to be.**

**Though it's hard, I know
when the feelings go
and the darkness is pressing me in,
but I'll carry on for His love is strong,
it's His light that will make me shine,
it's His light that will make me shine.**

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Prayer

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
there is no more for heaven now to give.**

**He is my joy, my righteousness,
and freedom,
my steadfast love,
my deep and boundless peace.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing,
"All is mine",
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need, His power is displayed.**

**To this I hold,
my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome,
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
and He was raised
to overthrow the grave.**

**To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing,
"I am free",
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for He has said
that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.**

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.

All the glory evermore to Him.

When the race is complete,

still my lips shall repeat

yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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still my lips shall repeat
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

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Prayer



the good way

Romans 12.1-21

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³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Romans 12.1-21

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12.1-21

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Romans 12.1-21

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12.1-21

¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Romans 12.1-21

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12.1-21

¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

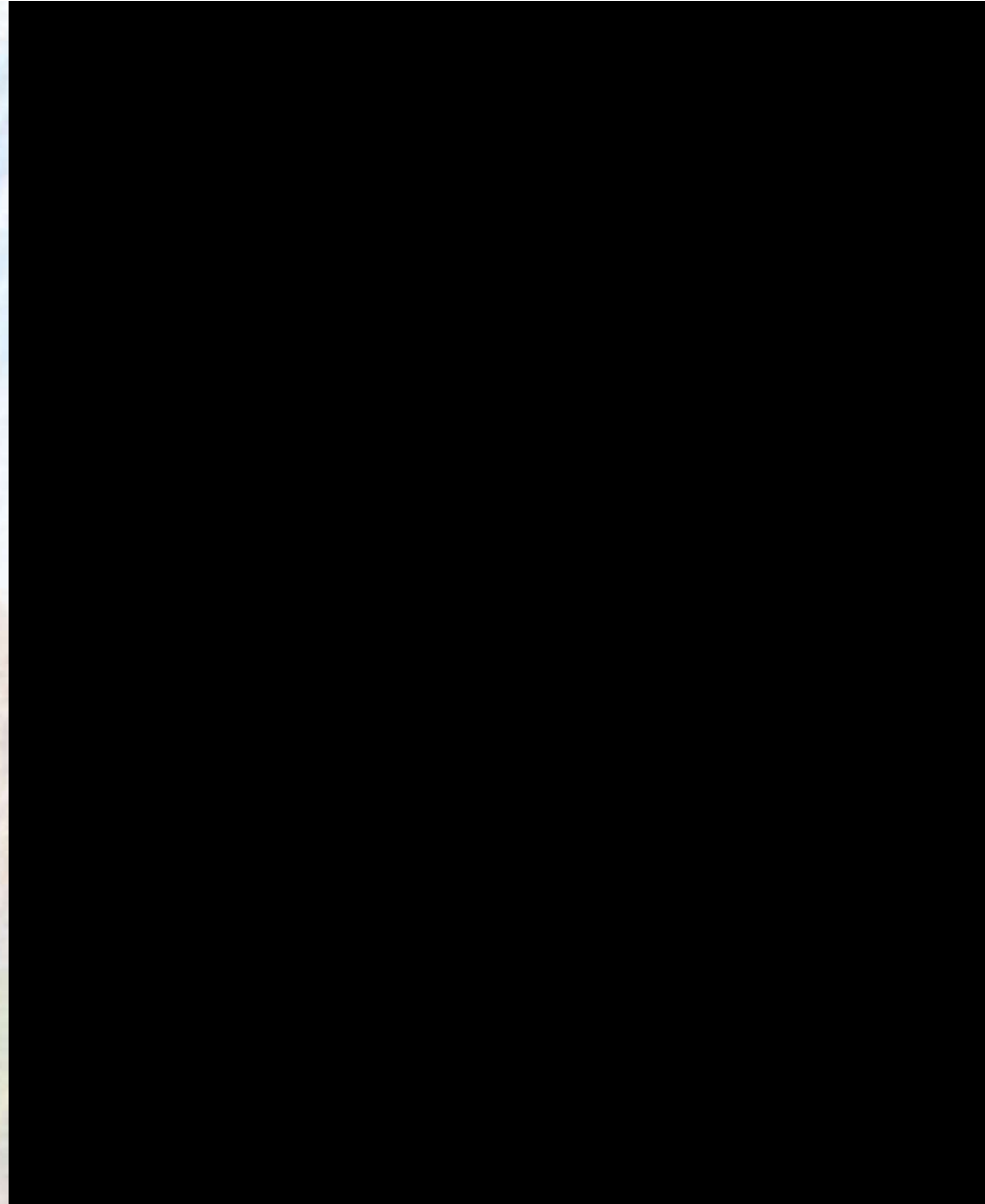
"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Romans 12.1-21

**21 Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.**



Prayer

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us Your humble dwelling,
all Your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, You are all compassion,
boundless love that makes us whole;
visit us with Your salvation,
enter every trembling soul.**

**Breathe on us Your loving Spirit;
every troubled heart be blessed:
let us all in You inherit,
let us find Your promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all Your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more Your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
serve You as Your hosts above,
pray, and praise You, without ceasing,
glory in Your perfect love.**

**Finish then Your new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Your great salvation,
perfect in eternity,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before You,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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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

Equipped for every challenge

1 Samuel 10:1-16

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us
through this world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us -
You our only help and plea;
here possessing ev'ry blessing
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, by Your grace restore us -
all our weaknesses are plain;
You have lived on earth before us,
You have felt our grief and pain:
tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
from the depths You rose again.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with holy peace;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cease:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
ever shall our joys increase.**

James Edmeston 1791-1867

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Prayer

1 Samuel 10. 1-16

Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the LORD anointed you ruler over his inheritance? ² When you leave me today, you will meet two men near Rachel's tomb, at Zelzah on the border of Benjamin.

1 Samuel 10. 1-16

They will say to you, 'The donkeys you set out to look for have been found. And now your father has stopped thinking about them and is worried about you. He is asking, "What shall I do about my son?"'

1 Samuel 10. 1-16

³ “Then you will go on from there until you reach the great tree of Tabor. Three men going up to worship God at Bethel will meet you there. One will be carrying three young goats, another three loaves of bread, and another a skin of wine.

1 Samuel 10. 1-16

4 They will greet you and offer you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from them.

5 “After that you will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost. As you approach the town, you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres,

1 Samuel 10. 1-16

timbrels, pipes and harps
being played before them,
and they will be
prophesying. ⁶ The Spirit of
the LORD will come
powerfully upon you, and
you will prophesy with them;
and you will be changed
into a different person.

1 Samuel 10. 1-16

7 Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you.

8 “Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do.”

1 Samuel 10. 1-16

9 As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul's heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day. 10 When he and his servant arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he joined in their prophesying.

1 Samuel 10. 1-16

11 When all those who had formerly known him saw him prophesying with the prophets, they asked each other, “What is this that has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?”

1 Samuel 10. 1-16

12 A man who lived there answered, “And who is their father?” So it became a saying: “Is Saul also among the prophets?” **13** After Saul stopped prophesying, he went to the high place.

14 Now Saul’s uncle asked him and his servant, “Where have you been?”

1 Samuel 10. 1-16

**“Looking for the donkeys,”
he said. “But when we saw
they were not to be found,
we went to Samuel.”**

**¹⁵ Saul’s uncle said, “Tell me
what Samuel said to you.”**

**¹⁶ Saul replied, “He assured
us that the donkeys had
been found.” But he did not
tell his uncle what Samuel
had said about the kingship.**

**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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**Equipped for every
challenge**

shaping the future

1 Samuel 10.¹⁻¹⁶

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.**

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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
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