



# Gilcomston Church

**Sunday 8 September**

**...make every effort to do what leads to peace  
and to mutual edification...**

**Romans 14:19**

# **Morning Service**

**The Good Way**

**How to avoid spiritual squabbles**

**Romans 14:1 – 15:7**

**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**

## Romans 15:1-7

**We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up.**

## Romans 15:1-7

**<sup>3</sup> For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.”**

## Romans 15:1-7

**<sup>4</sup> For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.**

## Romans 15:1-7

**<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,**

## Romans 15:1-7

**<sup>6</sup> so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**<sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to 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

**Father of peace, and God of love!  
We own Thy power to save,  
that power by which our Shepherd rose  
victorious o'er the grave.**

**Him from the dead Thou brought'st again,  
when, by His sacred blood,  
confirmed and sealed for evermore,  
the eternal covenant stood.**

**O may Thy Spirit seal our souls,  
and mould them to Thy will,  
that our weak hearts no more may stray,  
but keep Thy precepts still;**

**That to perfection's sacred height  
we nearer still may rise,  
and all we think, and all we do,  
be pleasing in Thine eyes.**

**Philip Doddridge, 1702-41**

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**The Good Way**  
**How to avoid spiritual squabbles**  
**Romans 14:1 – 15:7**

## Romans 14.1-23

**Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. <sup>2</sup> One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**<sup>3</sup> The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**<sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**6** Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

## Romans 14.1-23

**<sup>7</sup> For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.**

**10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**<sup>11</sup> It is written:**

**“‘As surely as I live,’ says  
the Lord,**

**‘every knee will bow  
before me;**

**every tongue will  
acknowledge God.’”**

**<sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will  
give an account of  
ourselves to God.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**<sup>13</sup> Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**<sup>14</sup> I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**<sup>15</sup> If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died. <sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**<sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,  
<sup>18</sup> because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**<sup>19</sup> Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. <sup>20</sup> Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**<sup>21</sup> It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.**

**<sup>22</sup> So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves.**

## Romans 14.1-23

**23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.**

**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.**

**○ sing hallelujah!**  
**Our hope springs eternal;**  
**○ 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.**

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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  
The King has come!  
1 Samuel 10:17-27  
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 10. 17-27

<sup>17</sup> Samuel summoned the people of Israel to the LORD at Mizpah <sup>18</sup> and said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I brought Israel up out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the power of Egypt and all the kingdoms that oppressed you.’”

## **1 Samuel 10. 17-27**

**19 But you have now rejected your God, who saves you out of all your disasters and calamities. And you have said, 'No, appoint a king over us.' So now present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and clans."**

## **1 Samuel 10. <sup>17-27</sup>**

<sup>20</sup> When Samuel had all Israel come forward by tribes, the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. <sup>21</sup> Then he brought forward the tribe of Benjamin, clan by clan, and Matri's clan was taken. Finally Saul son of Kish was taken.

## **1 Samuel 10. 17-27**

But when they looked for him, he was not to be found. <sup>22</sup> So they inquired further of the LORD, “Has the man come here yet?”

And the LORD said, “Yes, he has hidden himself among the supplies.”

## **1 Samuel 10. 17-27**

**23** They ran and brought him out, and as he stood among the people he was a head taller than any of the others.

**24** Samuel said to all the people, “Do you see the man the LORD has chosen?”

## **1 Samuel 10. 17-27**

There is no one like him  
among all the people.”  
Then the people shouted,  
“Long live the king!”  
<sup>25</sup> Samuel explained to  
the people the rights and  
duties of kingship. He  
wrote them down on a  
scroll and deposited it  
before the LORD.

## **1 Samuel 10. <sup>17-27</sup>**

Then Samuel dismissed the people to go to their own homes.

<sup>26</sup> Saul also went to his home in Gibeah, accompanied by valiant men whose hearts God had touched. Saul kept silent.

## **1 Samuel 10. 17-27**

**27 But some scoundrels said, “How can this fellow save us?” They despised him and brought him no gifts. But Saul kept silent.**

**All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the Fountain of delights,  
for in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy  
poured down on my life.**

**Beautiful Saviour, wonderful Counsellor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the way, the truth, the life.  
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the risen One, heaven's champion  
and You reign, You reign over all!**

**I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
of death defeated and life without end.**

**Beautiful Saviour, wonderful Counsellor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the way, the truth, the life.  
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the risen One, heaven's champion  
and You reign, You reign over all!**

**I long to be  
where the praise is never ending,  
yearn to dwell  
where the glory never fades,  
where countless worshippers  
will share one song,  
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!**

**Beautiful Saviour, wonderful Counsellor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the way, the truth, the life.  
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the risen One, heaven's champion  
and You reign, You reign over all!**

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**Prayer**



**The King has come!**

shaping the future

1 Samuel 10.<sup>17-27</sup>

**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 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.**

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the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.  
Amen.**